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Lord Edward Cecil

Colonel Baden-Powell

DRAWN BY G. P. JACOMB-HOOD

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Colonel R. S. Baden-Powell, whose stubborn defence of Mafeking has given the Boers so much trouble, is here shown taking observations from a house top. Colonel Baden-Powell is described as

being indefatigable, superintending everything himself, and encouraging the little garrison by his own example and by his constant cheerfulness in trying circumstances

THE GALLANT DEFENDER OF MAFEKING ON THE LOOK OUT

Topics of the Week

THE arrival of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener at the Cape will open a fresh chapter in the South African War. On all hands we are warned to prepare for surprises. We doubt, however, whether there are any in store for us which the ordinary use of our intelligence has not already led us to expect. That the strategical position will be very sensibly modified, except in the direction of its logical development, is unlikely. Ladysmith must be relieved, and it is clear from the reinforcements still pouring into Natal that this necessity is as strongly appreciated by the new Commander-in-Chief as by General Sir Redvers Buller. If, then, the effort to relieve Ladysmith is to continue, it follows that, until that object is accomplished, no great surprise can be in store for us, for the position in Natal, where the main forces of both combatants are engaged, must necessarily govern the whole strategy of the war. The change that is coming is probably in the matter of tactics. It will be Lord Roberts's task to apply the lessons already learnt by Generals White, Buller, Gatacre and Methuen. Our strategy has been forced upon us by the astute initiative of the Boers. We can only make it effective by borrowing from the enemy the tactics with which so far he has held us in check. We may rely upon it that there will be no more pounding away at Boer entrenchments except under the stress of an imperious necessity, but that the efforts of our generals will henceforth be directed towards out-manceuvring the enemy. For this purpose, however, something more is required than the calculations of a great tactician. Our reinforcements must be given time to arrive, and their mobility must be assured. No turning movements are possible to a force which, like that of General Gatacre, is without cavalry, and no great turning movements are possible to any force when, like that of General French, it is highly mobile but not strong enough to make its mobility effective. Nothing then can be done on a large scale in this direction until more cavalry arrives, and especially the irregular cavalry now in process of enrolment in the colonies and at home. But, besides a larger force of cavalry, General Roberts will require to assure himself of an immensely improved transport, which will enable him to operate without being tied exclusively to the sparse railway system of South Africa. For these reasons we may be sure that no sensational surprises are in store for us. The new chapter of the war which is about to unroll itself will probably be a slow and even tedious business. A change there will be, but its development will not begin until all the means are at hand, and then it will not disclose itself at once unless the native cunning of the Boer suddenly deserts him. Lord Roberts finds himself confronted by a difficult situation, and to solve it he requires not only a new tactical departure, but also a patient and prudent use of his resources. In the end such a course is bound to prevail, for even if he meets with losses—as, indeed, he is bound to do—he has behind him almost illimitable resources on which to draw to repair them, while the enemy are now mobilised to their last man, and, however boldly and resourcefully they may fight, they can never renew a shattered commando or replace a lost gun.

THE War Office has exercised sound judgment in sanctioning the enlistment of a corps of gentlemen to serve in South Africa as mounted infantry, but forming a part of the Imperial Yeomanry. This new departure in military organisation will, it may be safely predicted, add to Her Majesty's forces a body of soldiers second to none in fighting efficiency. Most English gentlemen, especially ex-officers, are good horsemen and good shots, while their moral endowment includes, as a rule, an exceptional measure of that quality which more staid mortals decry as recklessness. Thus we shall be much surprised if the ranks of the "gentlemen's corps" are not very quickly filled with men ready to go anywhere and do anything they are ordered to do. Indeed it is expected that capable recruits of varied classes will be eager to join, through patriotic motives, more particularly travellers and explorers who have gained valuable experiences in many lands. For scouting work gentlemen thus trained would be of the highest worth; a soldier may be brimming over with bulldog courage, and yet be entirely destitute of those qualities, partly instinctive, partly acquired by long practice, which make Australian bushmen the finest scouts in the world.

THE Russian war party appears resolved to discount those assurances of pacific intention which the Tsar lately gave to the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg. That was regarded by the world as a snub direct for Count Muravieff, and it was not to be supposed for a moment, that his partisans would suffer M. de Witte, his rival, to enjoy such a personal triumph over their leader. They have accordingly invented a wild legend, dubbed "semi-official," to the effect that a whole Army Corps is held in readiness on the Caspian, to be despatched at a moment's notice to the Afghan frontier. Lest, however, the real origin of this concoction should be suspected, the clumsy manœuvre of sending it *à la Tiflis* has been resorted to. The curious thing

is that these desperate intriguers do not seem to perceive how deeply they sully the Emperor's honour by imputing it to him that, at the very moment when he was saying one thing at St. Petersburg, he was doing exactly the contrary in Asia. Happily, Englishmen have too thoroughly mastered the Tsar's character and prepossessions to give the slightest credit to such a venomous aspersion. Two things may always be safely predicated of the Russian Emperor; the one that he will faithfully abide by his word, the other that he will strenuously endeavour to solve whatever problem may present itself by peaceable methods in the first place. Not that he would hesitate to draw the sword, were that needful, for either the honour or the interests of his enormous Empire. But, sharing the opinion of M. de Witte, that further Russian expansion should be made to wait on the industrial and commercial development of already acquired territories, the Tsar frowns upon the warlike counsellings of Count Muravieff and the Chauvinists, who see in our South African trouble Russia's opportunity of Asiatic aggrandisement.

The Court

THE Royal New Year party at Osborne has now dispersed, and the Queen has only Princess Beatrice and her children with her at present. The Duchess of Albany and her son and daughter went first, followed a few days later by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and their family. In the Isle of Wight, as elsewhere, the Royal Family are working hard for the benefit of the various war funds. All the Osborne party—the Queen excepted—went to a concert at Ryde in aid of the Island War Fund, and on Saturday Princess Beatrice, as Governor of the Isle of Wight, and the Duke of Connaught attended a meeting at Newport on behalf of a fund to equip the Volunteers and Yeomanry going out to the front, and to care for their wives and families. In an excellent speech, the Duke of Connaught took the opportunity to speak of his new appointment in Ireland, adding, "Perhaps I should have liked to assume another command. But the first duty of the soldier is to obey"—a hint of his eagerness to go to the war which brought forth enthusiastic cheers.

The Queen's eightieth birthday has been commemorated by memorials in so many parts of her kingdom that it is only fitting some souvenir of the date should be found in Windsor Park, where the Queen drives so frequently. Accordingly, an avenue of lime-trees is being planted in the Park, to be called "Queen Victoria Avenue." Prince and Princess Christian's younger son, Prince Albert, planted the first tree.

Amongst the quaint old Court customs still kept up is the Queen's offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh on the Feast of the Epiphany. In ancient days the offering in memory of the Magi's gifts was of considerable value, but now it has shrunk to small proportions contained in a dainty casket. The Bishop of London, surrounded by clergy, receives the offering at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, from one of the Queen's Gentlemen Ushers, and Divine Service follows.

Leaving the Princess and family at Sandringham, the Prince of Wales has been in town, occupied with war and other public business. His first engagement was the opening of the English Education Exhibition at the Imperial Institute, which he inspected very closely. Apart from his general support of the educational movement, the Prince takes a special interest in this display, as it gives an outline of the branch to be shown at the Paris Exhibition, and the Prince, as President of the British section, is naturally anxious that our national education should be well represented across the Channel. Another duty was to present the service medals of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem to a number of the gentlemen at Marlborough House, the Prince performing the ceremony as Grand Prior of the Order. He was also present on Monday evening at the smoking concert of the Stock Exchange Orchestral Society. At present, however, the Prince's paramount interest is the organisation of the Imperial Yeomanry, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, and he not only intends to inspect the London contingent before their departure, but may probably witness their farewell march. He is no less interested in the Volunteers, and hoped to be present at the Guildhall when the men received the freedom of the City. The Duke of York has been staying with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth, and has now gone for a few days to Elveden Hall, Thetford, to shoot with Lord Iveagh.

Cordial greetings welcome the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Ireland. It has long been a grievance with the Irish that no Royal Prince had an Irish residence that the coming of the Duke and Duchess is all the more appreciated. The Duke virtually took up his command on Monday, when he left England for Dublin, but his present visit is only preliminary, and he will not assume the command officially till a little later. Like his predecessor, Lord Roberts, the Duke will have his quarters at the Royal Hospital, Kilmalsham, and with a Royal Duchess at the head of the Commander-in-Chief's household, Dublin society looks forward to a gay time.

No member of our Royal House has a closer personal link with the war than Princess Christian, whose elder son, Major Prince Christian Victor, is at the front with his regiment, the King's Royal Rifles. The Princess has worked hard in organising a concert on behalf of the wives, widows and children of the men of her son's regiment, together with those of the Rifle Brigade, and the entertainment was to take place at the Haymarket Theatre this week, with the Princess and other Royalties in the audience. A few days earlier the Princess presided at a meeting of the committee of the Princess Christian's Home for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors—an institution of particular value at the special time. The Princess's hospital train has just been despatched from Smethwick for shipment to Africa, photos of the train and its fittings being sent to the Queen and Royal Family. Nor does the Princess omit other duties, for she is going to Wharfedale to open a Jubilee Hospital, and will then spend a short time with Lord and Lady Warwick at Warwick Castle.

The Bystander

"Stand by."—CAPTAIN CUTLER

By J. ASHBY-STERRY

Doubtless, on account of there being an unusual number of morning performances just now, my note with regard to the *matinée* hat has evoked so much sympathy that it is evident the grievance still exists as much as it did when, more than ten years ago, *Mr. Punch* first called attention to the matter and one of his songsters carolled:—

In a well-cushioned ten-shilling stall
An elderly gentleman sat;—
But he sat and saw nothing at all—
His vision was barred by a Hat!

For a lady was sitting before—
I fear the old gent muttered "Drat!"
When he saw that her ladyship wore
A marvellous steeple-crowned Hat!

My remarks on the above subject have evoked a chorus of delight from countless children, who are the principal sufferers from the hat nuisance at the present moment, and notes of emphatic approval from Paterfamilias who does not see the fun of paying for expensive seats whence no view is obtained. Possibly my indignation on the subject caused me to be rather too emphatic when I spoke of the "thoughtless selfishness" of the wearers of these gigantic head-dresses. In the course of a letter from a lady, who evidently knows what she is writing about, and has considered the subject from all points of view, she says: "For although fully alive to the shortcomings of my sex, I really think such a vice is quite foreign to most women—even to those who don such out-of-place headgear." In an excellent letter which appeared some little time ago in *The Daily Graphic*, signed "Nimbus," it was clearly shown the impossibility of ladies in a general way taking off their hats at a theatre, and an excellent remedy for the grievance referred to was given. Said the writer: "Let those who are interested, women as well as men, seek to influence the leading London *modistes* to keep a stock of novelties in the way of specially designed *matinée* hats. At any Paris bonnet shop one need only ask for a *capeau de théâtre* to be shown at once specially small dainty confections, which are a dream of lightness and elegance, which the wearer may wear with the knowledge of commanding admiration, and respecting the comfort and convenience of all around—and the practice would soon become the fashion of every lady with any pretence to *chic* as well as to consideration and charity." This idea certainly seems to solve the difficulty most effectively. Ladies have special hats for boating, golfing, and cycling—why not have one constructed with a view—and other people's views—to the theatre?

Whether this is the new century or not—I have just been having my forty-eighth argument on the subject and every one has left off rather angry—I am inclined to think 1900 will cause us not a little annoyance and trouble. In the first place it will take us a long while before we can get out of the habit of writing 18—, as we have been doing this all our lives, for I take it there are very few of us who were born in the eighteenth century, or if we were, we scarcely troubled ourselves about figures. For my own part, I may safely state that I am entirely innocent of daring to exist in the reign of George the Third. A rude person the other day called me "a silly old fool." Possibly he was not altogether wrong, but I am not quite so old as to know anything about the last century—please to bear in mind the Nineteenth Century is not yet finished—and I cannot, in dating anything, get over in a moment the life-long habit of writing 18—. But how will it be with regard to printed documents and forms, many of which are important legal documents? Shall we have to be at trouble of altering these figures with a pen and initialling the amendment? How will it be with the unfortunate person who provided himself with a new cheque-book in December? Is he bound to alter and initial the aforesaid cheques one hundred and twenty times or whatever may be the compass of his book?

Where is Dickensland? I see a correspondent of the *Academy*, who has recently come to London, and asks this question, is a little bit disappointed in not being able to find traces of this attractive country, and regrets being unable to discover the haunts of Mr. Pickwick, Sam Weller, Nicholas Nickleby, David Copperfield, and other characters of the great novelist in which he is interested. Probably this disappointment may be due to a certain extent to the changes that have taken place in London during the last twenty-five years. It must be remembered that it is sixty-four years since "Pickwick" was published, and thirty years since Charles Dickens died. Up to the time of his death the London which he so graphically depicted—though showing signs of change, indeed at that time the Fleet Prison and the Saracen's Head, Snow Hill, had ceased to exist—was practically intact, but since 1870 the changes have been many and frequent; since 1880 they have rapidly increased, and old travellers in this pleasant province—I have been an enthusiastic explorer since I was ten years old—have now an extensive list of hollowed spots that have now altogether passed out of existence. For all that, there is a good deal of Dickensland still left in London, if you know where to look for it. I am acquainted with a good many spots which, as far as I know, have never yet been even pictured or written about. It is a curious thing that Dickens and Thackeray are about the only two authors whose geography anyone takes the least interest in.

Does anybody ever enjoy a fog? We have had so much of it lately that we ought to be beginning to enjoy it. I believe it is not on record that Mark Tapley ever was out in a fog. Though not of a Tapleyan disposition I once enjoyed a fog very much indeed. I was staying very late on the Thames—it must have been close on November—and I went down for a swim early in the morning. There was a dense white fog everywhere, so that when I took a header and came to the surface I entirely lost sight of the punt whence I had plunged. The water was icy cold and the air seemed colder. I ran all the way home and when I reached my bedroom was all of a shiver. I do not know what inspired me to do so, but I straightway got into bed again, propped myself up with pillows, lit a long, well-seasoned, mellow churchwarden pipe, and was presently rewarded by a glorious glow gradually pervading my system. This was followed by a sweet sense of sleepiness, and I eventually dozed off into delicious dreams, subsequently getting down very late to breakfast and altogether missing an important appointment.

War Concerts

THERE are a large number of concerts and other performances now being organised for the various war funds. Perhaps the most important of the musical performances will be that given at Covent Garden on the 22nd prox., when Madame Patti will reappear on the scene of her many triumphs. Unfortunately arrangements can, it is feared, not be made for her appearance on the stage, but she will take part in a concert. On the 20th inst., Madame Albani, Mr. Lloyd, and Miss Clara Butt will take part in a War Concert at the Albert Hall, when Sir Arthur Sullivan also will conduct a massed meeting of various amateur provincial bands, including some of the excellent brass bands formed by workmen in Yorkshire and Lancashire. Another War Concert is to be given at the Albert Hall later on. There are also several smaller concerts now being organised for the war funds, including one by Madame Grey Burnand, at St. James's Hall, where an orchestra of 300 mandolines, lutes and guitars are promised.

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DRAWN BY W. HATHERELL, R.L.

A Correspondent writes:—"Life is not entirely sad and mournful at Wynberg Hospital, where our brave soldiers who have suffered are nursed, and where, of course, many are lost to us in spite of all that care and kindness and skill can do. The British propensity for sport penetrates even through the depressing surroundings of a hospital, and the other day a "fifty yards cripples' handicap" was a great success. Needless to say the race was held without the kind permission of the medical authorities."

IN THE DOCTOR'S ABSENCE: A CRIPPLES' HANDICAP OPEN TO THE WOUNDED

FROM A SKETCH BY LIEUTENANT A. J. MCNEILL.



DRAWN BY FRANK DADD, R.I.

FROM A SKETCH BY LIEUTENANT A. J. MCNEILL

Brabant's Horse is an irregular Volunteer corps of mounted infantry numbering about 600 men. Most of the troopers supply their own horses and saddles. The men who know the country are valuable for scouting.

AN HOUR'S OFF-SADDLE: PATROLLING WITH BRABANT'S HORSE

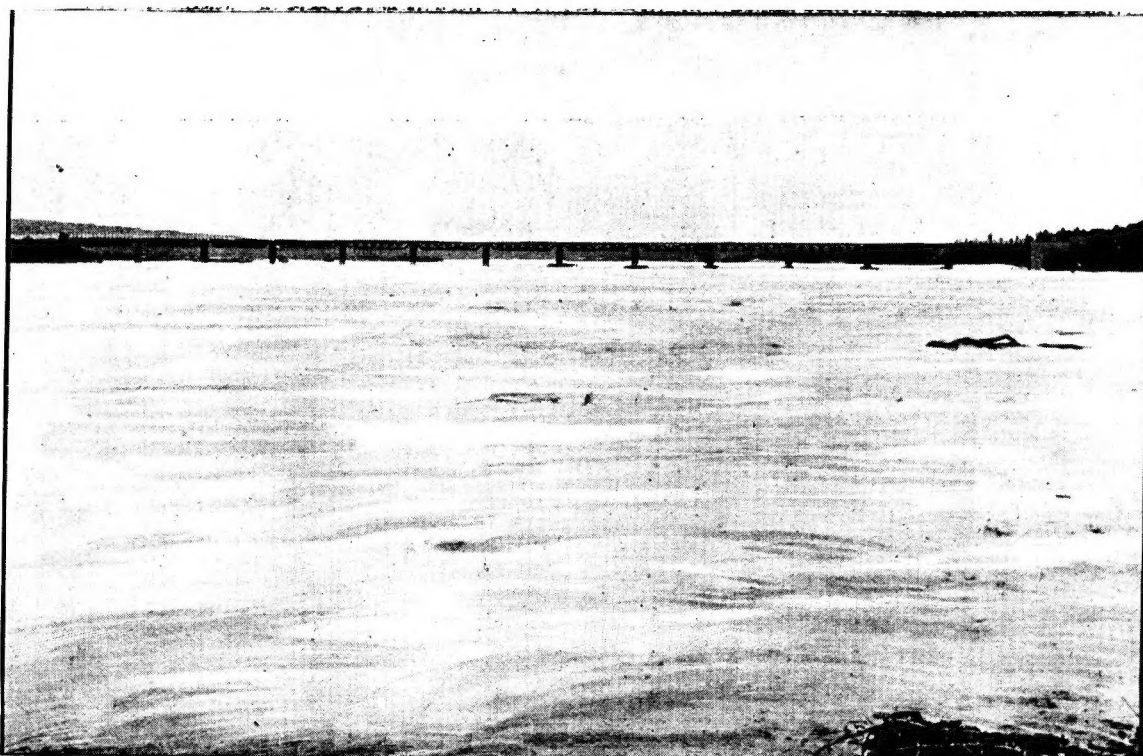
The Boers' Most Precious Gun

THIS bit of artillery treasure is guarded most sacredly in the Boer capital, and was shown to me by a lieutenant of Cronje shortly after the Jameson Raid. It is not twenty years old, yet to a people now playing with Mausers and Krupps it is in the way of warfare even more of an anachronism than Paul Kruger as the champion of a free people.

The photograph, which I was fortunate in procuring, tells part of the story. It shows us the Boer soldier of 1881 standing beside a piece of artillery of domestic manufacture. There is not much detail here to weary the amateur gunner—stock, cheek, trailing plate, pointing rings—these all blend into the plain old pole of an ox waggon, the national trekking van of the Boer, the "Prairie Schooner" of the overland emigrant on the American Continent in the days before the railway.

The trunnion plate is the product of the village blacksmith, and of limber there is no thought.

The barrel of this strange piece was made by taking the iron tires from waggon wheels, heating them



This river, which is the chief of the smaller rivers of South Africa, forms the southern border of the Orange Free State, dividing that Colony from Cape Colony for about three hundred miles. The bridge here shown is that at Norvals Pont, twelve miles from Colesberg, the town against which General French has been operating. The railway bridge at Norvals Pont is 1,690 feet long in thirteen spans, and was constructed at a cost of 70,000.

THE ORANGE RIVER IN FLOOD

the Anglo-Saxon race cannot be checked by a dozen Majubas. He will shortly discover, as did the men of Robert E. Lee after Appomattox, that when this war closes his best friend will be the man with whom he has exchanged the hardest blows. The Boer entered upon this war with contempt for the Anglo-Saxon; it is worth all that it has cost to earn the respect of a people so necessary to the development of South Africa as those now fighting against the Paramount Power. We need the Boers and they need us; and after this fight we shall work together as did North and South after the long Civil War between the "States."

P. B.

How Horses Fare in Battle

WE hear very little of the loss of horses in battle, says *The Golden Penny*, although it is a fact that the slaughter of horses is enormous, and entails doubtless many hours of intense agony upon them. The slaughter of horses varies with the nature of the fight. In the case of a war in which the artillery played the most prominent part the horses, offering a



ANOTHER "LONG TOM": A CREUSOT GUN READY AT PRETORIA FOR THE SIEGE OF LADYSMITH



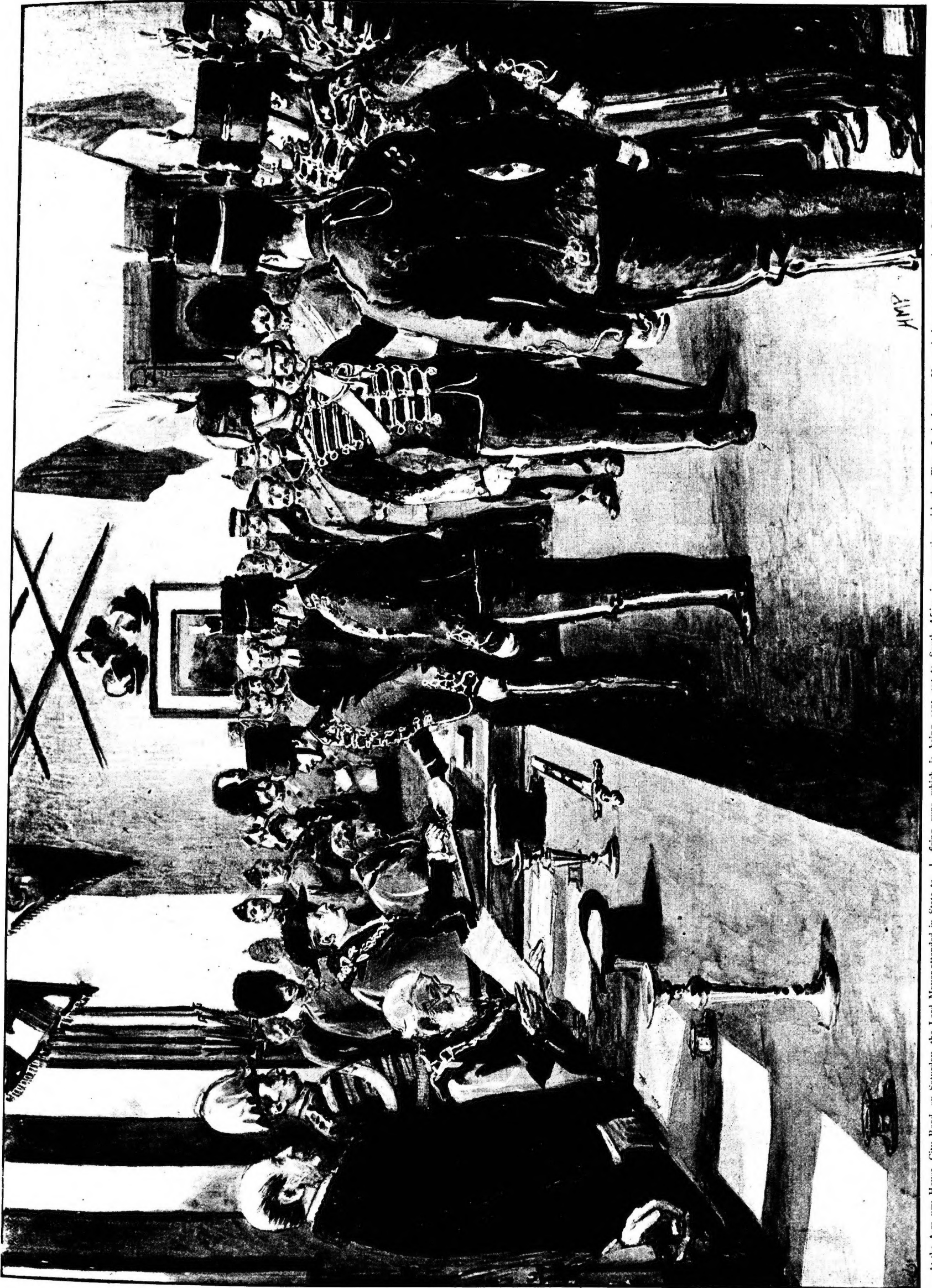
These home-made cannon were used by the Boers in the war of 1881. They were constructed by local blacksmiths of the iron tires of waggon wheels. Our illustration is from a photograph supplied by Mr. Poultney Bigelow

PREDECESSORS OF "LONG TOM": BOER ARTILLERY OF THE LAST WAR

and then winding them round a green stem and hammering at them until they welded together. I could not get the record of this piece as a target destroyer, but whether in that campaign it injured those who aimed it more than the enemy, it nevertheless stands today as a fine monument to Boer enterprise and resourcefulness.

On the occasion of my visit to the Transvaal the Boers were fond of contrasting this bit of archaism with the ten modern field pieces captured along with Dr. Jameson at Krugersdorp. These were all kept at the so-called artillery "lager," the old fort left intact by Sir Owen Lanyon. No doubt Jameson's guns are now doing duty in the field, but when the war is over they will probably once more be united in a museum along with the home-made specimen whose picture is here reproduced. It is too early to announce the name of the custodian of this museum, but this much we may venture to add without trespassing upon the prophet's field. The Boer has discovered that there are better men in the British Army than those who masqueraded with Jameson, and that the march of

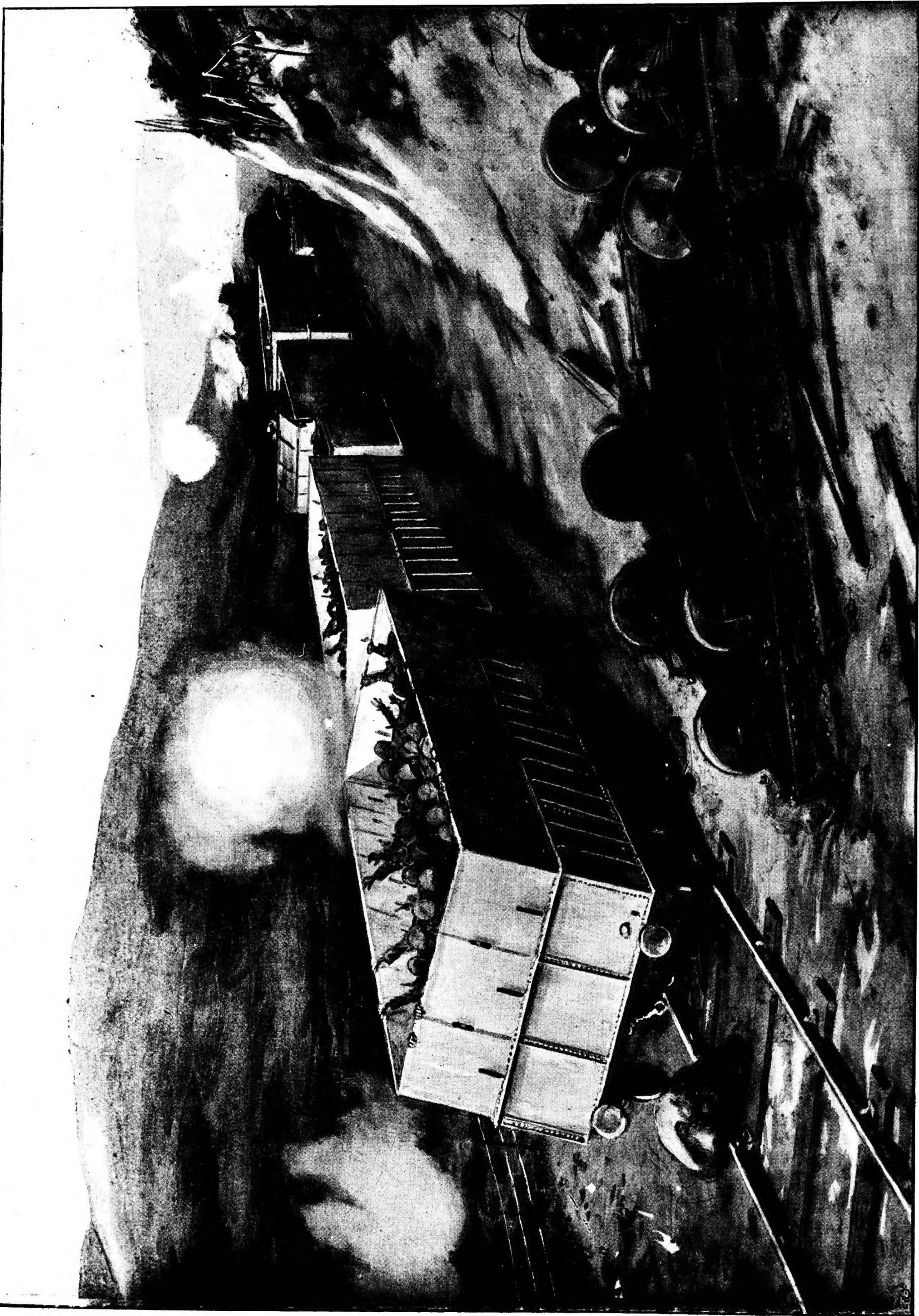
large target, would fall in large numbers; while in a short and sharp hand-to-hand encounter the loss of horses and men would be nearly equal. In the Peninsular War there were many smart skirmishes, and in fifteen of these there were lost 380 horses and 360 men. At Talavera there fell 290 horses and 240 men. The slaughter of horses at Fontenoy was appalling, for no less than 635 were lost, while only 311 men were killed. In that famous mistake, the Balaclava charge by the Light Brigade, there were about 660 horses and men. Of these horses 460 were lost, while 280 men died. A military authority thus sums up the proportions in different centuries:—"During the century 1691 to 1799 the loss and disablement of horses was 150 for each 100 men. From 1800 to 1865 the proportion was in cavalry 120 horses to 100 men, and in artillery 133 horses to 100 men; while from 1866 to 1871 the relative numbers were, for cavalry 140 horses to 100 men, and for artillery 133 horses to 100 men. By omitting the disastrous Austrian retreat of 1866, the average would work out at 112 horses to 100 men.



At the Army House, City Road, on Saturday, the Lord Mayor attended in State to firing guns which is being sent out to South Africa in connection with the City of London Imperial Volunteer Corps. About fifty of the men had been previously enrolled, and between fifty and sixty were sworn in on Saturday; more than twenty were to be sworn in privately later.

TAKING THE QUEEN'S SHILLING: THE LORD MAYOR ENROLLING MEN OF THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

DRAWN BY H. M. PAGET



DRAWN BY J. NASH, R.I.

Second Lieutenant Frankland, who was in the Estcourt armored train which met with the disaster, and who is now a prisoner at Pretoria, sends us the sketch from which this drawing was made, and writes:—"On returning from a reconnaissance the armored train was attacked by a large party of Boers. The train attempted to run the gauntlet, but was derailed by a large stone which had been placed upon the track. After working for an hour and a half our men

succeeded in clearing the line in spite of the enemy's artillery fire, and the engine made its escape with about a third of the troops. Of 120 soldiers engaged thirty-eight were killed and wounded and fifty were captured by the Boers." The sketch has been forwarded to us by Mr. Winston Churchill, who was on the train at the time, and was made a prisoner. The details of Mr. Winston Churchill's escape from Pretoria are still fresh in the public memory. Mr.

Churchill's letter, which accompanied the sketch, is dated from "States School Prison, Pretoria," and runs as follows:—"Dear Sir,—The enclosed sketch seems to me to be a very accurate representation of what actually occurred when the Boers captured the armored train near Estcourt on the 15th instant. I hope you will be able to find some use for it, and forward it to you with Mr. Frankland's compliments."

FROM A SKETCH BY LIEUTENANT T. H. C. FRANKLAND

THE DISASTER TO THE ARMORED TRAIN NEAR ESTCOURT: THE DERAILING OF THE TRUCKS



DRAWN BY F. DE HAENEN

A Correspondent at Mafeking, in forwarding a sketch of the incident here depicted, wrote:—"On October 27, the enemy began to push their trenches close up to the defenses of Mafeking; in our night attack we therefore ordered on one series of trenches, Captain FitzClarence's Battalion of the Protectorate Regiment carried out the attack, supported by two parties of Cape Police, away to their flank. A red and a white light were hoisted in Mafeking, as leading lights,

to guide the troops to the trench, and to show them the line or returning, as it was a dark night. The squadron advanced to the flank of the main trench as quietly as possible, and then charged with a cheer, using the bayonet only. The Boers were taken by surprise, and all who resisted were killed; the rest, scrambling out through the roofs of the shelters, that they had made in the trenches, escaped. The shelters were made of corrugated iron in the River-stand. The supporting troops then opened fire in order to draw the fire of other trenches, which the

attacking squadron scattered, and made it way back to town. The result was that the Boers after this contented themselves with keeping their works at a respectful distance from the town. Our loss was six men killed, five wounded, and one missing. The loss of the Boers must have been very heavy. Captain FitzClarence got four of them with his sword."

The New South Wales Lancers

(OUR COLOURED SUPPLEMENT)

Old times are changed, old manners gone. It is not many years ago that a distinguished author wrote a noteworthy book in which, quoting the case of the old American colonies as an example, he expressed the opinion that it was the destiny of all colonies to break from the Mother Country. Since these words were written a great revulsion of feeling has taken place, and never in the course of our national history have we in the Mother Country appreciated so much the tie that binds the colonies to us. The expression of this Imperial idea was seen in 1897, when our colonies all sent representatives to do honour to the gracious lady who is their Queen as well as ours. Again we had another example of the tightening of the bond between us and our colonial cousins when a squadron of the New South Wales Lancers arrived in this country at the end of April for a six months' training at Aldershot. The warmest welcome was accorded to them. Escorted by the band of the Coldstream Guards, the squadron marched from the Albert Docks to Waterloo, cheered enthusiastically all the way. At the close of the six months—during which the squadron had taken part with credit in the Royal Military Tournament, and had been through the manoeuvres with the 6th Dragoon Guards, to which they were attached—and just when they were about to return to Sydney—the war broke out. Then the squadron to a man volunteered for service in South Africa, where they have since been joined by some more of their comrades. The outbreak of the war was a signal for all the colonies to offer men to the Old Country for service at the front. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and much as we all deplore this war, which has already cost more lives than we care to remember, it has brought home to us the sense of kindred with our colonies in the most forcible way. Splendid troops have been despatched from Canada and our



LIEUT.-COLONEL JAMES BURNS
Commanding the New South Wales Lancers

Australasian colonies to South Africa, and have since rendered a very good account of themselves in the field. The Lancers, together with the New Zealanders, have been engaged in patrol work under General French.

The New South Wales Lancers will be especially watched by people in this country. We seem to know them best. They have been with us six months—at least a squadron has—and Londoners cheered themselves hoarse with enthusiasm when they left for South Africa. Their march through the City marked a step on our Imperial road. For the first time in our history the Empire gave a practical demonstration of its military solidarity in the home of our race. For the first time a body of colonial troops passed through London on their way to serve their Queen. This smart regiment was first raised in 1885, as a Volunteer Reserve Corps, and bore the title of the Light Horse. In 1888 the corps was merged in the partially paid force, and was known as the New South Wales Cavalry before it



CAPTAIN C. F. COX
Commanding the Squadron of the N.S.W. Lancers
that came to England for training

adopted its present title. The organisation is similar to that of a British cavalry regiment, which consists of four squadrons. Formerly, the Lancers were divided into troops, but the squadron system was introduced when Major-General Hutton took over the command of the forces in New South Wales. The present commanding officer of the regiment is Colonel James Burns. He is a Scot by birth, and was educated at the Newington Academy and the Edinburgh High School. He left Scotland at the age of sixteen for Queensland. He is at present the head of a trading company, with some thirty branches scattered throughout Australasia. When a half-squadron of the New South Wales Lancers was formed at Parramatta some ten years ago, Mr. Burns was offered and accepted the captaincy of this half-squadron. About three years ago he became lieutenant-colonel commandant of the regiment, and it is greatly due to him that the scheme for sending a detachment of his regiment to be trained in this country was inaugurated. The whole of the money for the expenses of sending the squadron to England for training was raised by Colonel Burns and his brother officers. The squadron was commanded by Captain C. F. Cox, a fine, soldierly-looking man of six feet two inches. Captain Cox, who will be thirty-seven in May, began his service in the regiment as a trooper, and won his way through the ranks to a commission, which he gained in 1896. He had charge of the detachment of the regiment which took part in the Diamond Jubilee procession until the arrival of his senior officer, Captain Vernon. Captain Cox was promoted to be captain in November, 1897. Our portrait of Colonel Burns is by J. T. Newman, Sydney, and that of Captain Cox, by Beames and Co., Sydney.



This bridge over the Blaauwkrans Spruit, which was designed and constructed by the Construction Department of the Natal Government Railway, under Mr. J. W. Shores, to replace the bridge destroyed by the Boers, was begun on November 29, and on December 6 the first engine passed over.

THE TEMPORARY BRIDGE AT FRERE

Chronicle of the War

By CHARLES LOWE

A Tantalising Drop-Curtain

LONDONERS, above all others, are accustomed to the curious caprices of the sun, but it is probable that his solar majesty never played us a scurvier trick than last Saturday, the 6th inst., when, at a quarter-past four in the afternoon, he veiled his beams and thus rendered it impossible for the beleaguered and sorely pressed garrison of Ladysmith to utilise them as a means of further communicating with the outside world. Four messages as to the progress of the determined assault which the Boers had commenced on that day to launch against Ladysmith—four messages like the summaries of so many acts of a stirring and momentous drama, the last of them ending with the disquieting words, "Very hard pressed"—had Sir George White managed to heliograph to General Buller at Frere, fifteen miles away, and then a curtain of cloud was drawn across the sun, rendering it impossible for the besieged any longer to use his beams as the lightning-swift messenger of their winged words. In the course of our history it is long since we have experienced such an agony of suspense, such a painful alternation of fear and hope, as that which tormented us all last Monday from the time we opened our morning papers to the time—well on in the afternoon—when we tore open the special editions of our evening ones. And then we all drew a deep sigh of relief, and were thrilled with patriotic joy, and thanked the God of battles that our gallant soldiers had been true to their best traditions—true to their bayonets as the *ultima ratio regum*, the final argument of the kings of combat.

The Battle of Ladysmith

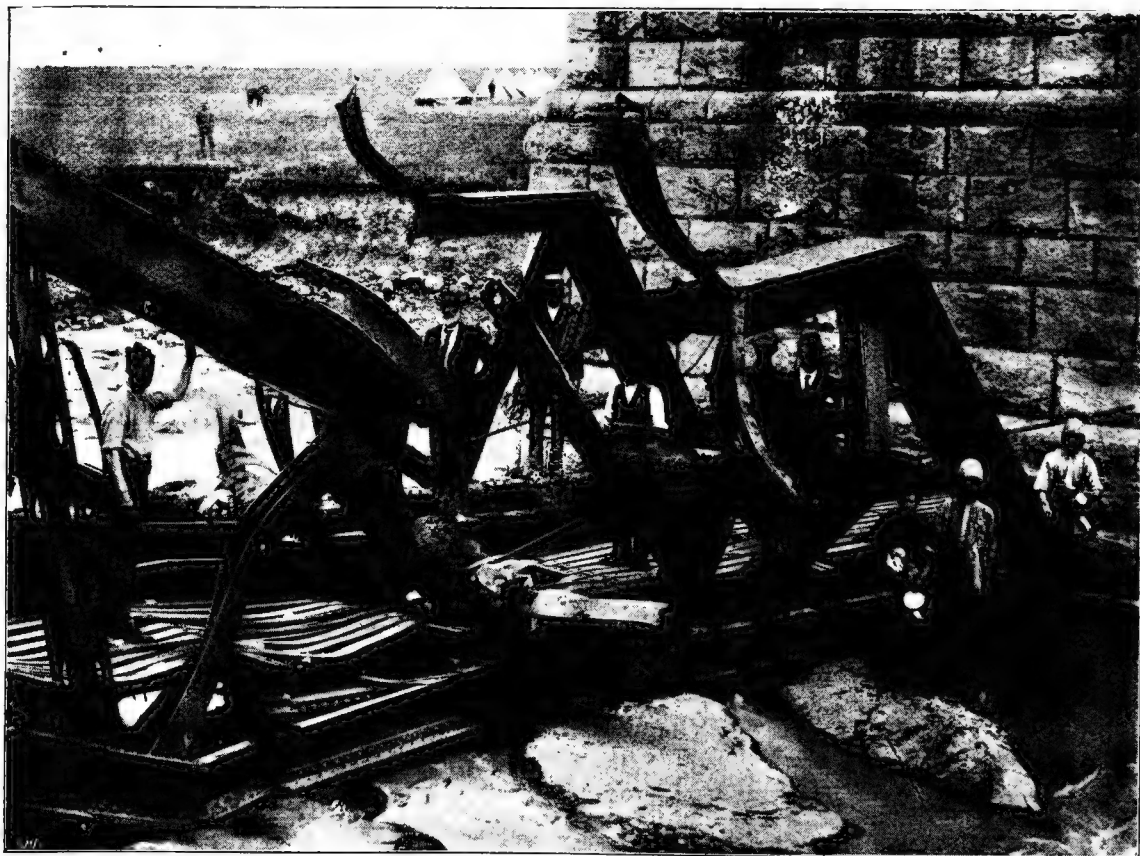
Hitherto, in this South African Campaign of ours, the Boers have been admitted to be splendid fighters on the defence, but it is probable that they themselves will now own their inferiority in this respect to the defenders of Ladysmith. Their Colonel Schiell, who, after Vlaams Laagte, confessed that they would doff their caps in future to any Gordon Highlanders they met, will now perhaps feel inclined to extend this flattering compliment to the men of Manchester and of Devon, and others

of their gallant comrades not yet named, who, with the same Gordons, thrice, by push of pike, regained their captured and re-captured trenches, and finally, in a blinding storm of rain, after an engagement lasting fifteen hours, bayoneted the dogged Boers out of a position which they had taken and retained all day long. No wonder that Sir G. White's gallant troops were "elated with the services they had rendered to the Queen." Rumours had reached us of dissensions between the Transvaalers and the Free Staters investing Ladysmith. The former were said to be lording it in a most masterful and offensive manner over their Orange State allies—feeding them with mealies instead of with meat, and monopolising all the plums of military command. They were as much divided, so it was declared, as the command.

It is a curious circumstance, that the day before the delivery of the combined assault of the Free Staters and the Transvaalers on Ladysmith, General Joubert—who appears to be very much alive and well in spite of the disqualifying injuries he is said to have received from the fall of his horse—sent in one of his "adjutants" to Sir George White to make a formal complaint on a certain subject connected with the siege—a mission of which the primary object probably more resembled that with which Caleb and Joseph were sent on ahead of the Israelites into the land of milk and honey. For the craft of those Boers is as boundless as their courage, though there is little to show that this truth has yet been wholly realised by the leaders of our devoted troops. What the motives of the Boers were for making such a desperate, all-hazard assault on Ladysmith can only be conjectured. But the probability is that it was not so much the running short of their supplies or their shoe-leather, or the exhaustion of their patience, as the well-grounded belief, based on the reports of their scouts and spies, that if they did not hasten to make short work of Ladysmith with its 9,000 defenders, sixty guns, and supplies, and thus set their hands free for more important work, Buller with his 30,000 men would soon be upon them like the Philistines. Nor is there any inappropriateness in all these Biblical similes and allusions, seeing that they are the daily nourishment with which the Boers regale themselves at their camp conventicles.

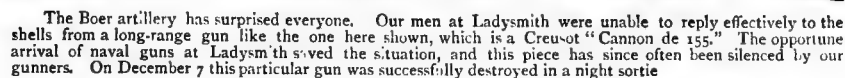
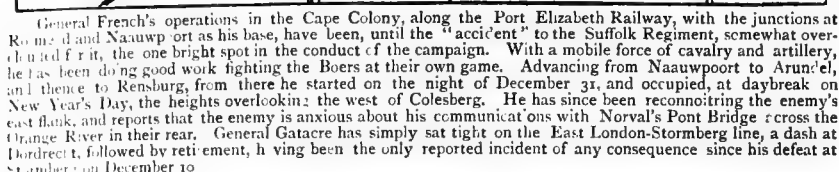
Masterly Inactivity

To capture Ladysmith, as Joshua took Jericho and Ai, Joubert had not only called in all his free-and-easy burghers who had amiled off



The bridge over the Blaauwkrans Spruit at Frere, about midway between Colenso and Estcourt, was found on November 26 to have been destroyed by the Boers, who had blown it up with dynamite. Our illustration shows the wreck of the first span.

THE BRIDGE AT FRERE DESTROYED BY THE BOERS

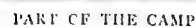
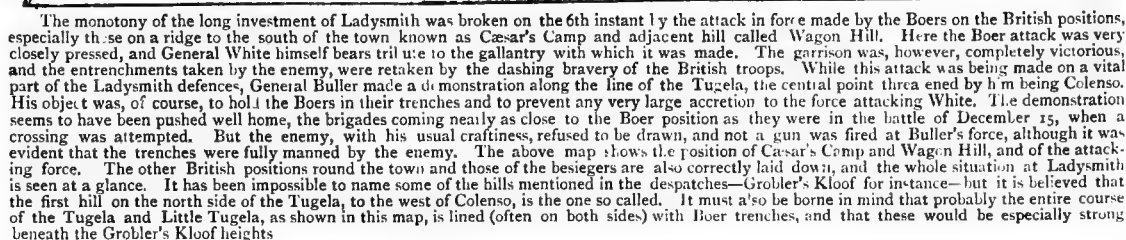


A CREUSOT GUN USED BY THE BOERS TO BOMBARD LADYSMITH

Apart from a statement that Lord Methuen has completed a third pontoon bridge over the Modder, that he is running a railway along the front of the Boer position, that he sends occasional salvoes of lyddite shells towards the twenty-miles-long Boer entrenchments, and that he detached Babington with his cavalry to support Colonel Pilcher's raid towards Sunnyside and Douglas—apart from those salient statements we have little or no news either of his doings or of his intentions. With regard to Colonel Pilcher's "raid," as General Buller called it in his telegram of congratulation, it turns out, after all, to have been an operation analogous to the movements of the "brave old Duke of York," who, with twenty thousand men, had a tantalising habit of marching up the hill and then marching down again. After the long and exultant telegrams detailing the way in which Colonel Pilcher—with his "sons of the Empire" force of Australians, Canadians and home-born Britons—had defeated the rebel Dutch farmers at Sunnyside, and ceremoniously substituted the Union Jack for the "Vierkleur" at Douglas, amid the acclamations of the inhabitants, it was somewhat disappointing to read that Colonel Pilcher had evacuated Douglas next day, and returned with all its loyal denizens to Belmont; although it is matter for consolation that the rebel Bechuanaland farmers whom he captured have been sent to Cape Town for trial—*pour décourager les autres*; and with this view it is to be hoped that a stern example will be made of them.

A "Serious Accident"

As public joy at the news of Colonel Filcher's successful raid had been damped by his retirement from Douglas, so our jubilation over the fighting of General French in the Colesberg region, which inaugurated the New Year, receives a certain set-back on its appearing that his strategy had not, after all, been so



According to a telegram published on Monday, news has been received at Pretoria of the surrender of Kurnman, the small town south-west of Vryburg, which has been pluckily holding the Boers at bay ever since the investment of Kimberley. The town was held by a force of 120 police, all of whom are prisoners, together with twelve officers.

VIEWS OF KURUMAN, WHICH WAS TAKEN BY THE BOERS ON THE 1ST INST.



DRAWN BY F. DE HAENEN

Our Special Artist writes:—“The 11th Hussars were placed for shelter under a steep cliff on the river bank, but the Boers had tried to regiment and concentrated their fire on the spot. The third shell they threw fell in the camp kitchen and struck a big plank on which four of the cooks were eating. The Boers then fired a shell into the room, and the room was blown up. The Boers then fired a shell into the room, and the room was blown up.”

FROM A SKETCH BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, W. T. MAUD

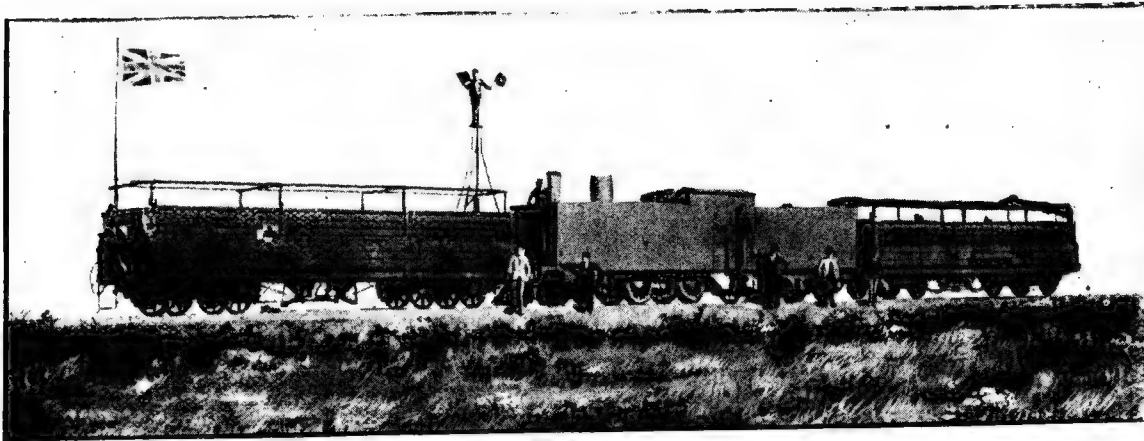
AN INCIDENT OF THE BOER WAR. A SHELL IN THE KITCHEN OF THE 11TH HUSSARS.



DRIVEN BY GEORGES SCOTT

The naval gun have done splendid service at Ladysmith. Guns from H.M.S. *Powerful* were sent up to the town in time to save the place from being overpowered by the superior artillery brought from Pretoria by General Joubert. The guns were mounted on the raised carriages constructed by Captain Percy Scott, R.N. All the landed detachments of bluejackets were in khaki with khaki-painted straw hats.

HOW THE NAVAL BRIGADE TOOK THEIR HEAVY GUNS TO THE FRONT



THE ENEMY IN SIGHT: THE ARMOURD TRAIN SIGNALLING THE NEWS

rich in positive results as was at first supposed, and even now the military situation in his part of the theatre of war is as perplexing as it is obscure—albeit General Gatacre, a little further to the east, easily, and with little loss, beat off a Boer attack in the Molteno parts. French has been reinforced—among other things by the composite regiment of Household Cavalry, and yet his luck has not been in the ascendant. Among his other misfortunes, one of the battalions under his command met one day with what he euphemistically called a “serious accident.” At the head of four companies of his battalion—the 1st Suffolk—Colonel Watson advanced by night against a low hill held by the Boers with intent to “surprise” them, but the surprise was all the other way about. At dawn Colonel Watson gave the signal to charge, and his men dashed forward to the attack. The gallant Colonel himself was at once shot down by the vigilant Boers, and immediately thereafter “orders for retirement were given,” wired General French, “it is said by the enemy,” who, it is suggested, had learned to imitate our bugle-calls; but the origin of this order to retire has not yet been clearly established. In any case, it was at once acted on by three of the Suffolk companies, which thus retreated to their camp, while the fourth, as deaf to the signal as Nelson had been blind to a similar one at Copenhagen, essayed to hold its ground, with the lamentable result that it was surrounded and forced to capitulate like the victims of isolation at Nicholson’s Nek. In French’s area of the campaign there were some redeeming features, a dashing charge of the Inniskilling Dragoons, among whose ranks there was no one either to originate or to repeat the treacherous cry of “Retire!” there were plucky artillery actions and stubborn infantry fights. But, on the other hand, in the first six days of the year, General French’s force suffered diminution to the extent of 224 officers and men—being 12 killed, 40 wounded, and the missing, apart from the 39

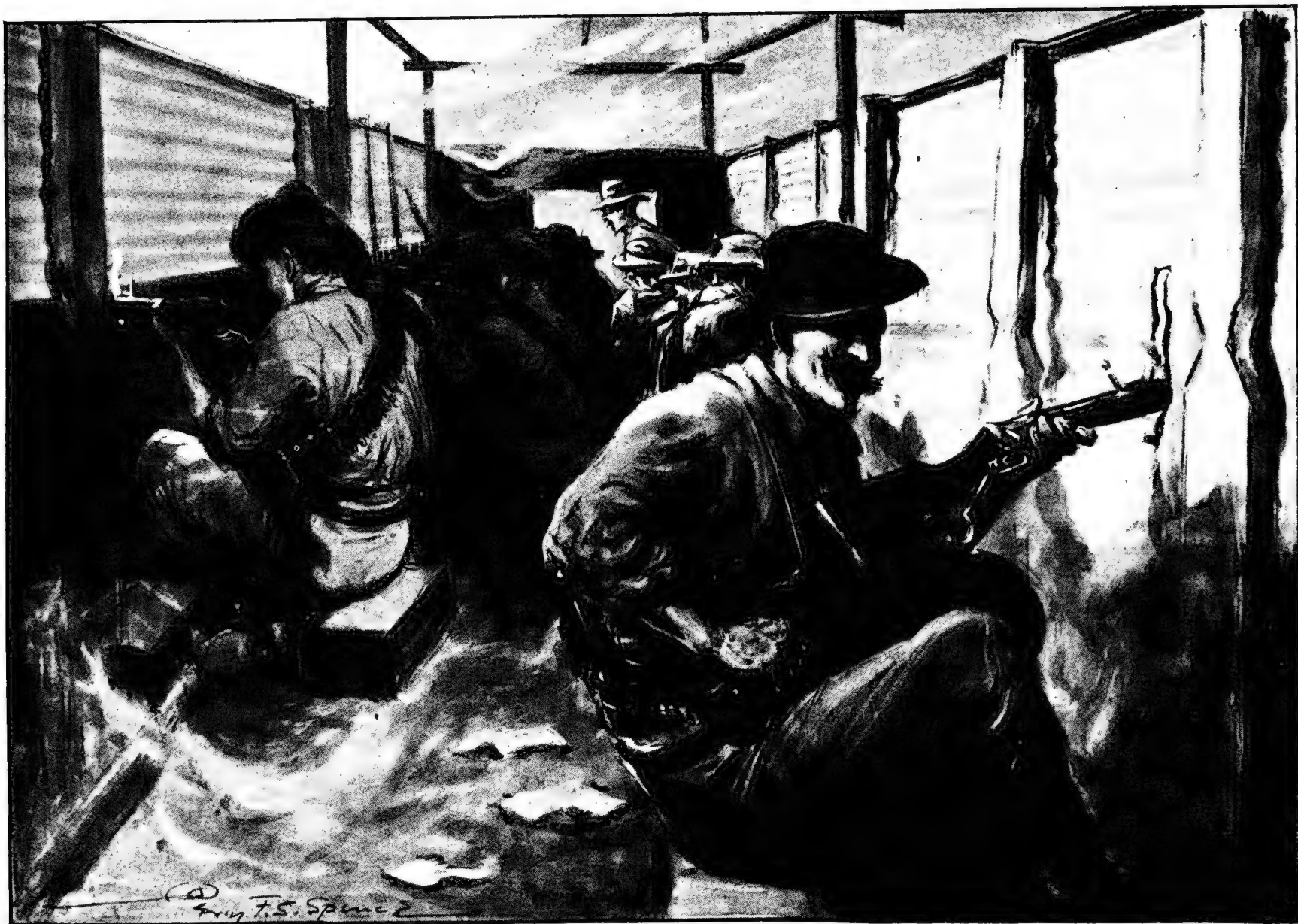
killed, 71 wounded, and 114 “missing”—that hateful word “missing”—in consequence of the “serious accident” to the “silly Suffolks” above alluded to. It needed the news of such a glorious victory as that achieved by the garrison of Ladysmith to cause us to make light of such a budget of evil tidings as the retirement from Douglas, the surrender of the little garrison of Kuruman, and the repulse of Baden-Powell’s sortie at Mafeking on Boxing Day, with the loss of 21 killed and 33 wounded out of a sallying force of a hundred officers and men.

It is estimated that, up to the present, our total loss in killed, wounded and missing amounts to about 7,000 men, of whom over 800 have been killed and over 3,600 wounded.

No little excitement has been caused throughout Germany by our seizure of several German vessels, notably the *Bundersrath*, suspected of carrying contraband of war with a Boer destination. But there is not the slightest reason to fear any international complication on this account, for such procedure is one of the well-recognised rights of every belligerent.



H.M.S. FIREFLY: COLONEL BADEN-POWELL'S IMPROVED ARMOURD TRAIN



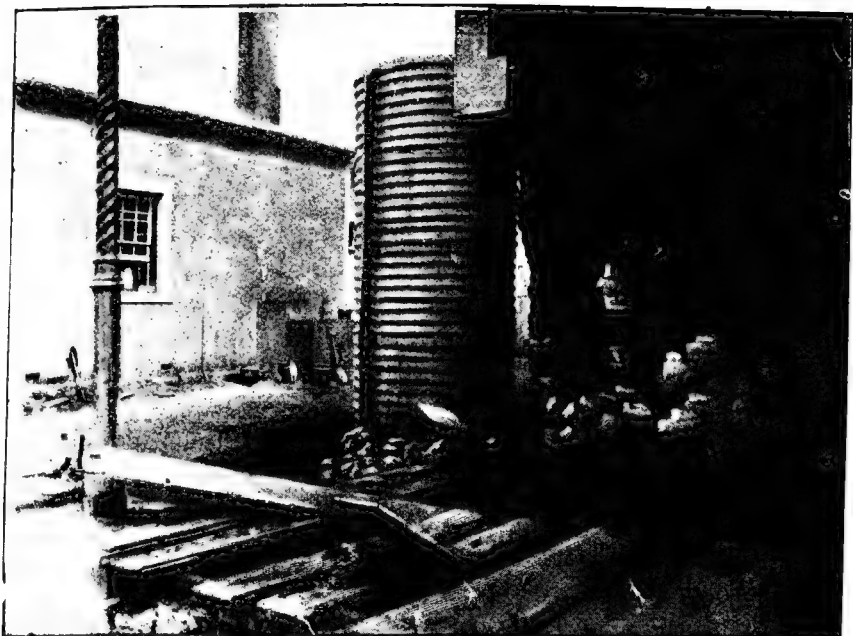
DRAWN BY PERCY F. S. SPENCE

Colonel Baden-Powell, the defender of Mafeking, who knows how to make the best of everything, seems to have made good use of an unique rail fortress which he has devised. The defences of this Mafeking fighting train are of corrugated iron and rails upheld by stout timber posts, and the force which defends it is able

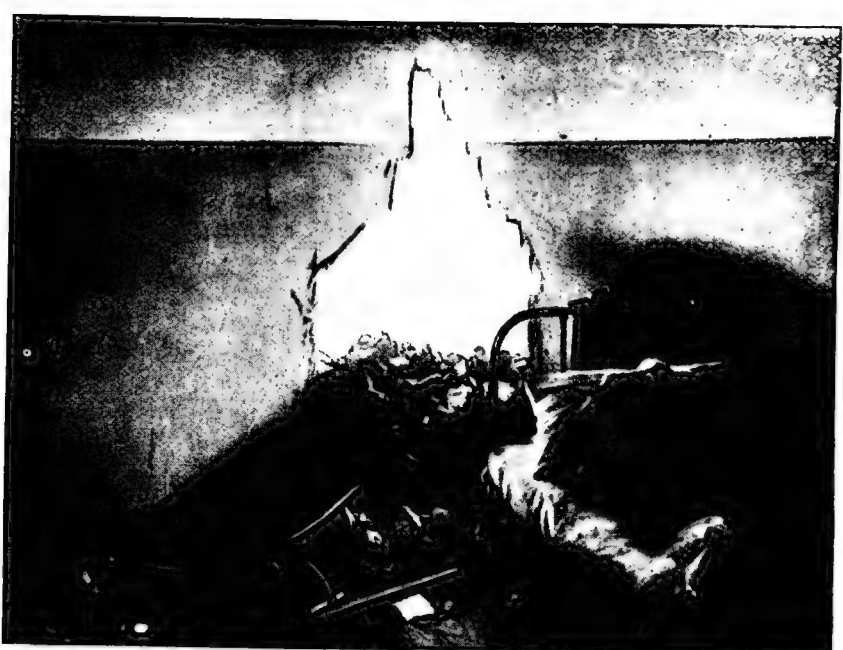
to shoot from a kneeling or sitting position. The look-out of the train is perched up on a watch tower, which gives him a wide range of view. Altogether the Mafeking train seems to be a rough-and-ready war-machine which is constructed on practical lines, and it has so far escaped derailing or overturning.

THE ARMOURD TRAIN RECONNOITRING

BELEAGUERED MAFEKING. FROM PHOTOGRAPHS SENT OUT BY A SPECIAL RUNNER



EFFECT OF A BOER SHELL: A HOLE IN THE HOSPITAL

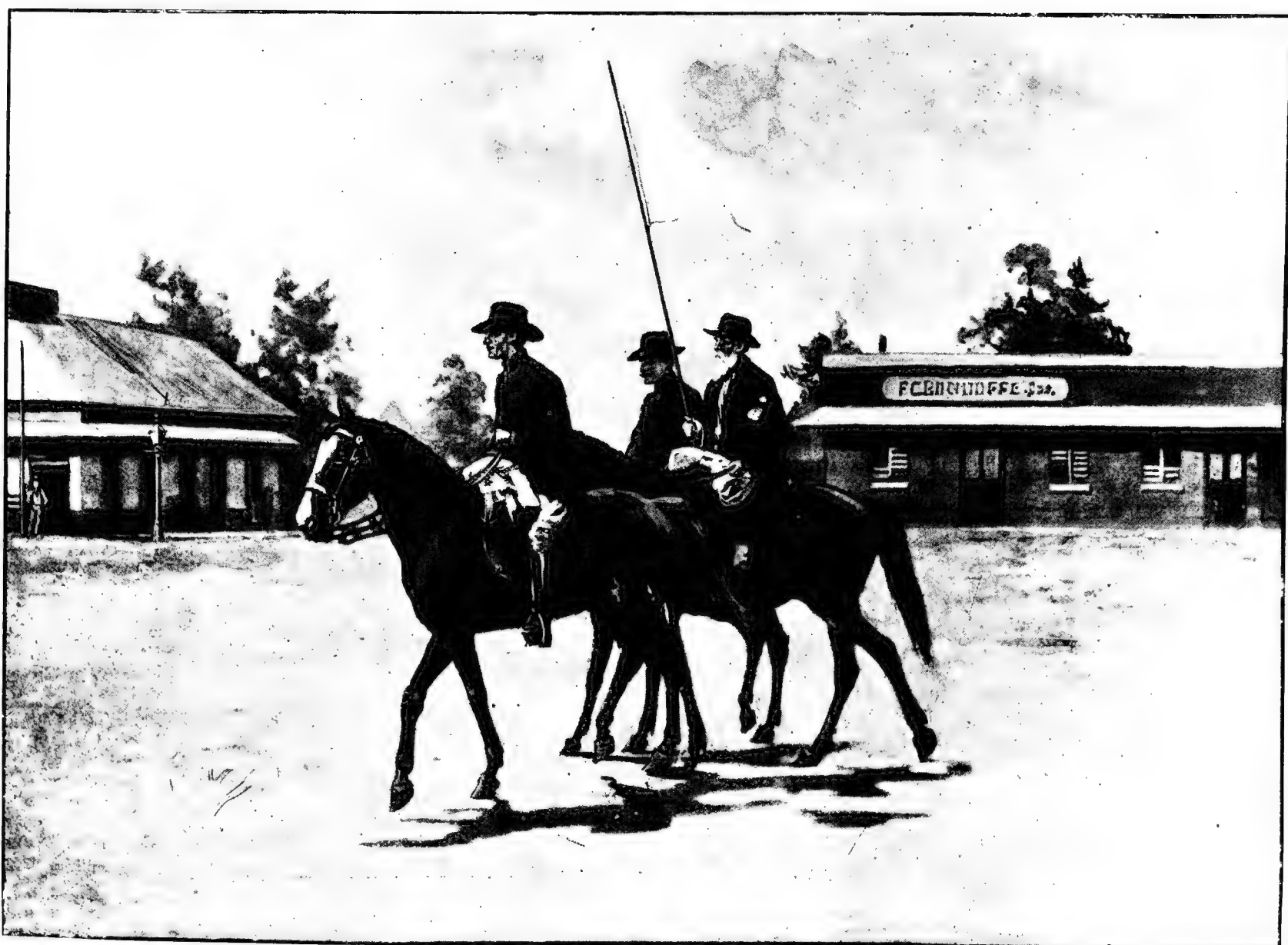


EFFECT OF A BOER SHELL IN A HOSPITAL WARD

These photographs show the damage done at Mafeking to the hospital by the Boer shell fire. Curiously enough, the man who was in the bed, shown in the right-hand view, when the shell struck the building, escaped uninjured



READY FOR AN ATTACK: DEFENDERS IN THE DE KOCH REDOUBT



This photograph, which was brought from Mafeking by a special runner, shows the white flag being used in a legitimate way by the Boers, their leaders wishing to parley with Colonel Baden-Powell

THE PROPER USE OF THE WHITE FLAG: BOERS ENTERING MAFEKING WITH A FLAG OF TRUCE
BELEAGUERED MAFEKING: FROM PHOTOGRAPHS SENT OUT BY A SPECIAL RUNNER



PAINTED BY JOHN CHARLTON

FROM A SKETCH BY A BRITISH OFFICER

At an early hour one morning an outpost of one of our pickets, consisting of some eight men belonging to the 13th Hussars, was surprised by some of the enemy who crept round the kopjes to where the outpost was stationed. Two of our men were killed, the others escaping. Seven horses were also shot by the enemy.

"TRAPPED": A PICKET OF AN OUTPOST SURPRISED ON THE TUGELA RIVER



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PROFESSOR WATSON CHEYNE, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., and M.B., was educated (passing with first-class honours) at Edinburgh. He is Professor of Surgery at King's College Hospital, Surgeon to King's College Hospital and Examiner in Surgery at the London and Cambridge Universities. Mr. Cheyne is the author of many well-known works on surgery, notably "Antiseptic Surgery: Its Principle, Practice, History, and Results." His departure for the seat of war was the occasion of a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm at Waterloo Station, where he was seen off by a number of students and friends.

Dr. Kendal Franks, of Kilmurray Hospital Hill, Johannesburg, was educated at Dublin. He was Bachelor of Arts in 1872, Doctor of Medicine in 1876, and is an ex-scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, surgeon-in-ordinary to the Lord-Lieutenant, member of many of the principal medical associations of Europe, and gold medalist of the Pathological Society of Dublin. Our portrait is by Werner and Son, Dublin.

Mr. George Lenthal Cheatle, of Harley Street, is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Assistant Surgeon and Teacher of Practical Surgery at King's College, and assistant surgeon of the Royal Ear Hospital and the West London Hospital. Our portrait is by the Army and Navy Auxiliary Co-operative Stores.

Sir William Thomson, who is going out to South Africa as chief surgeon to one of the special war hospitals, is surgeon to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, a member of the Senate of the Royal University of Ireland, and Irish representative on the General Medical Council. He was formerly President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher, who led the successful expedition to Douglas, on the Orange River, is a Staff College man and a brevet lieutenant-colonel in the Bedfordshire Regiment, his substantive rank being major. Colonel Pilcher was transferred to the "Bedfords," from the "Fighting Fifth," in which he spent all his previous service—twenty years. Six months since he was appointed second in command of one of the battalions of the Bedfordshire Regiment, in recognition of the excellent work he did in raising a native regiment on the West Coast of Africa about eighteen months ago, for which he received the special thanks of the Colonial Office. Our portrait is by Robinson and Co., Dublin.

Lieutenant Bertram Escott Lethbridge, of the Rifle Brigade, who has died of wounds received at Ladysmith, had only recently come of age. He was born on June 5, 1878, and was gazetted to the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade (the Prince Consort's Own) on November 2, 1898, so that he had only just completed a year's service.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Dillon Otter, in command of the Canadian Regiment in South Africa, is a Canadian by birth, and commenced his military career at the age of eighteen. His first active service was on the Niagara frontier at the time of the Fenian Raids in 1864 as a lieutenant in the Queen's Own Rifles (2nd Toronto). He fought at Ridgeway in 1866, and commanded the centre column in the North-West, under Major-General Middleton during the Riel rebellion in 1885, when he led his troops across the prairie from Saskatchewan Landing to Battleford, a distance of 190 miles, in five and a half days. For his services in this campaign he was mentioned in despatches, received a medal and recommended C.M.G. In 1886 he was appointed District-Officer-Commanding Toronto district, and later became also Inspector of Infantry. He has been twice to Wimbledon, the second time in charge of the Canadian team. He has passed his examination as a lieutenant-colonel in the Imperial Army, and is the author of "The Guide," a manual of military interior economy.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. W. PARK
Who led the 1st Devons in the bayonet charge at Ladysmith on the 6th inst.

He was born on December 3, 1843. Our portrait is by Kennedy, Toronto.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Park, who led the gallant charge of the Devons when they finally cleared the Boers out of the entrenchments on Wagon Hill during the fierce assault on Ladysmith, was born in 1836 and educated at Haileybury. He served in the Afghan Campaign (1880-81). He served on General Sir R. Stewart's staff in Burmah as D.A.A.G., and acted as A.A.G. to General Crealock in Burmah. He was second in command of the 2nd Battalion of the Devon Regiment in 1897, and went out to India as second in command of the 1st Battalion last June. He was made lieutenant-colonel on October 9, 1899. Our portrait is by W. J. Wright, Upper Norwood.

Major Charles Bateson Harvey, of the 10th Hussars, who was

killed in the fight during the advance on Colesberg, was the younger son of the late Sir Robert Bateson Harvey, Bart. He was educated at Eton, and entered the 10th Hussars as a second lieutenant on January 22, 1881, receiving his lieutenant's commission on July 1 following. In 1884 he served with his regiment throughout the Soudan Campaign, and took part in the battles of El Teb and Tamai, for which he had the clasp and the bronze star. He obtained his captaincy on July 21, 1889, and the rank of major on April 3, 1897. Major Harvey was heir-presumptive to his brother, Sir Robert Grenville Harvey, the present baronet, of Longley Park, Bucks. Our portrait is by C. Knight, Aldershot.

Captain Harry Coddington Sandford, of the Indian Staff Corps, served in the operations in Burmah in 1892 with the North-Eastern Column, and in the campaign on the North-West Frontier of India under Sir William Lockhart in 1897-8, in the 1st Brigade of the Tochi Field Force with the 1st Punjab Infantry. Captain Sandford was one of the officers who led the unsuccessful attack made by the garrison of Mafeking on the Boer position at Game Tree, two miles from the town, from which the Boers had been keeping up a shell and rifle fire for some weeks. Our portrait is by Bromhead, Clifton.

Lieut.-Col. Arthur John Watson, who was killed in the disaster which befell the Suffolk Regiment who are serving under General French at Colesberg, was forty-six years of age. He entered the army as a sub-lieutenant of the 12th Foot (now the Berkshires) on August 9, 1873, and received his lieutenantcy from the same date. He was instructor of musketry to the regiment from February 12, 1880, to January 24, 1883, received his company on April 14 following, and, passing the Staff College in 1884, served with the Bechuanaland Expedition under Sir Charles Warren later in the year, and from February 17 to October 28, 1885, was brigade-major in Bechuanaland. He was employed on staff service with the Egyptian Army from February 12 to September 7, 1886, obtained his major's commission on October 21 following; and in 1888 served in the Hazara Expedition as Brigade-Major to the First Column under Brigadier-General Channer. He took part, in 1895, in the operations in Chitral, accompanying the relief force under Sir Robert Low, and acting as road commandant on the lines of communication. He was gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel of the Suffolk Regiment on September 19, 1898. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

Sir William Stokes, Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen in Ireland and Professor of Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons, was born in Dublin in 1839. He was President of the Pathological Society in 1881, and President of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1887. He has presided over various International Medical Congresses, was formerly senior surgeon to Richmond Surgical Hospital, and has written much on clinical and operative surgery. Our portrait is by Chancellor and Son, Dublin.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A. J. WATSON
Killed at Rensberg while leading the 1st SuffolksCOLONEL OTTER
In Command of the Canadian ContingentTHE LATE LIEUTENANT B. F. LETHBRIDGE
Who died of Wounds received at LadysmithTHE LATE MAJOR C. B. HARVEY
Killed at RensbergCAPTAIN H. C. SANDFORD
Killed at Mafeking

"Place aux Dames"

By LADY VIOLET GREVILLE

WHAT women are doing now might be summed up in two sentences—they knit socks and think of their absent friends. Balls and parties are non-existent; even the hunting field has lost most of its attractions, for the riding men are all volunteering, and the masters of hounds are resigning their office, selling their studs of horses, and breaking up their establishments. And what pleasure or profit is there in hunting without male companions, the cheery words exchanged at the covert side, the sociable ride home in the shadows of evening, the agreeable reminiscence and "shoppy" talk over the fireside after dinner? Half the pleasure of a run lies in the discussion and running fire of comment; what this one did, what happened to that one, and who was first in at the death.

I have noticed far more people riding in the Park lately than is usual at this season, young men and lads especially, some of them evidently beginners. I suppose learning to ride with a view to South Africa. But these young men are sadly mistaken if they think riding can be learnt in a few lessons, at least such riding as is needed on the veldt. The good horseman or woman may be recognised at once. The firm, easy seat, the quick hands, the perfect mastery. In Ireland every man and woman is a rider. They will go out without stirrups, with rope bridles, with all their saddle gear

blue, and mauve. These were Lady Emily's standing order, an order that had lasted for years.

Her servants remained with her eternally, and retired on pensions in comfortable cottages. Her house was always spick and span, the very ornaments on the tables unbroken and unchanged, her cottages and farms were kept in apple-pie order, and she loved the Queen and the Church with a reverential affection. As a specimen of the Lady Bountiful she was a rare and graceful object, and she possessed a sense of fun and an infectious laugh which made even a dinner party of mild and correct curates a cheerful ceremony.

In the report of the *Women's Trades Union Review*, it is effectively shown that women have not yet learnt to grasp the true facts of co-operation which has helped men already so much in their work. In Lancashire alone does trade unionism appear to flourish. Elsewhere women continue to be apathetic and indifferent, and remain the bond slaves of their employers. This is due, no doubt, to the fact that women do not, as a rule, take work seriously; they hope it will be only a means to an end, a temporary engagement leading to marriage. To obviate this, girls must be taught independence and a trade, just as boys are.

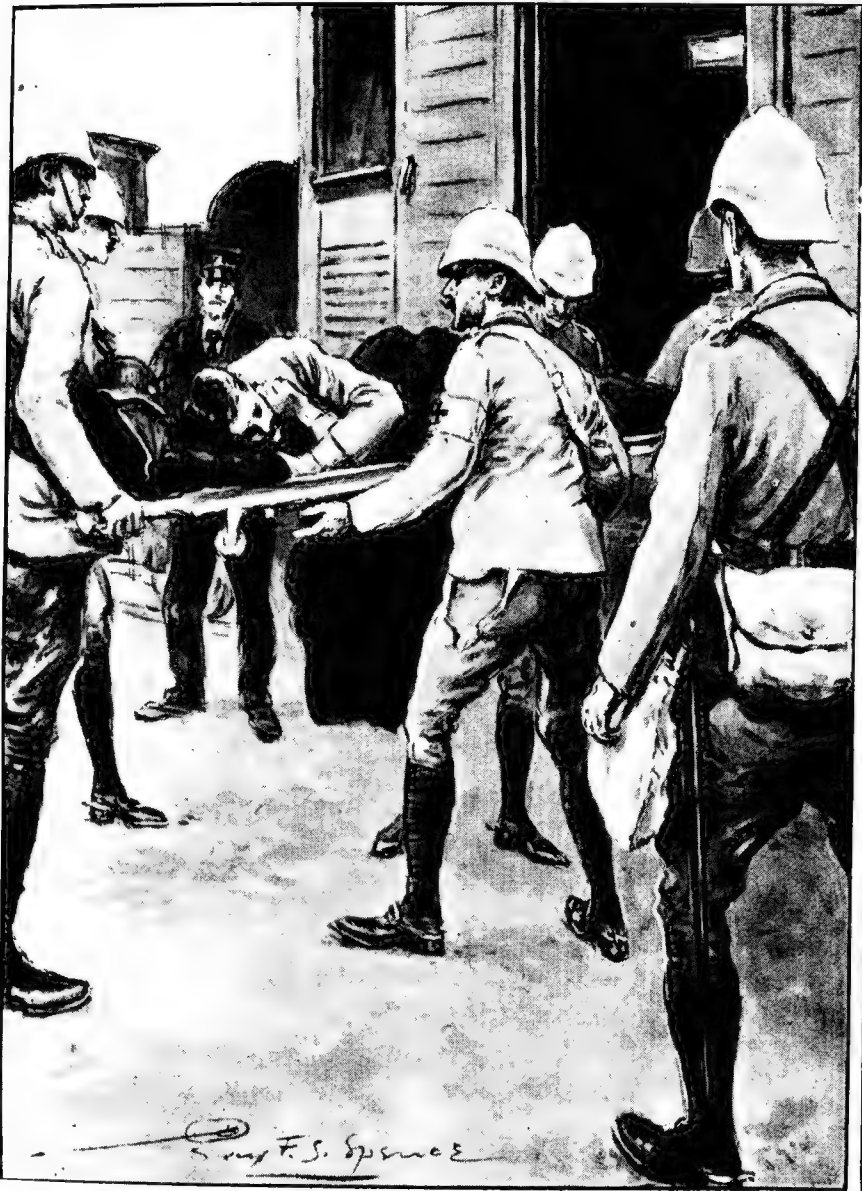
Some violent attacks have recently been made on the Charity Organisation Society methods in connection with the dispensing of funds of the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association. When it is remembered that this vast organisation, dealing with thousands of pounds, is worked in the various districts almost entirely by ladies,

Club Comments

By "MARMADUKE"

"HE that increaseth in knowledge increaseth in sorrow," King Solomon has said. The more we become acquainted with the internal mechanism of our military system, the more reason we have to grieve. There are two ways, however, of looking at things, the hopeful and the hopeless. Those whose temperament permits them to consider the present situation in a hopeful frame of mind will be grateful that the collapse of our military organisation did not occur when the country was engaged in a life-and-death struggle with a great Continental Power. Even admitting, for the sake of the argument, that all other things are absent, the mere force of numbers must tell eventually in our favour in South Africa. That element, however, would not come into the calculation were we at war with Russia for the possession of India.

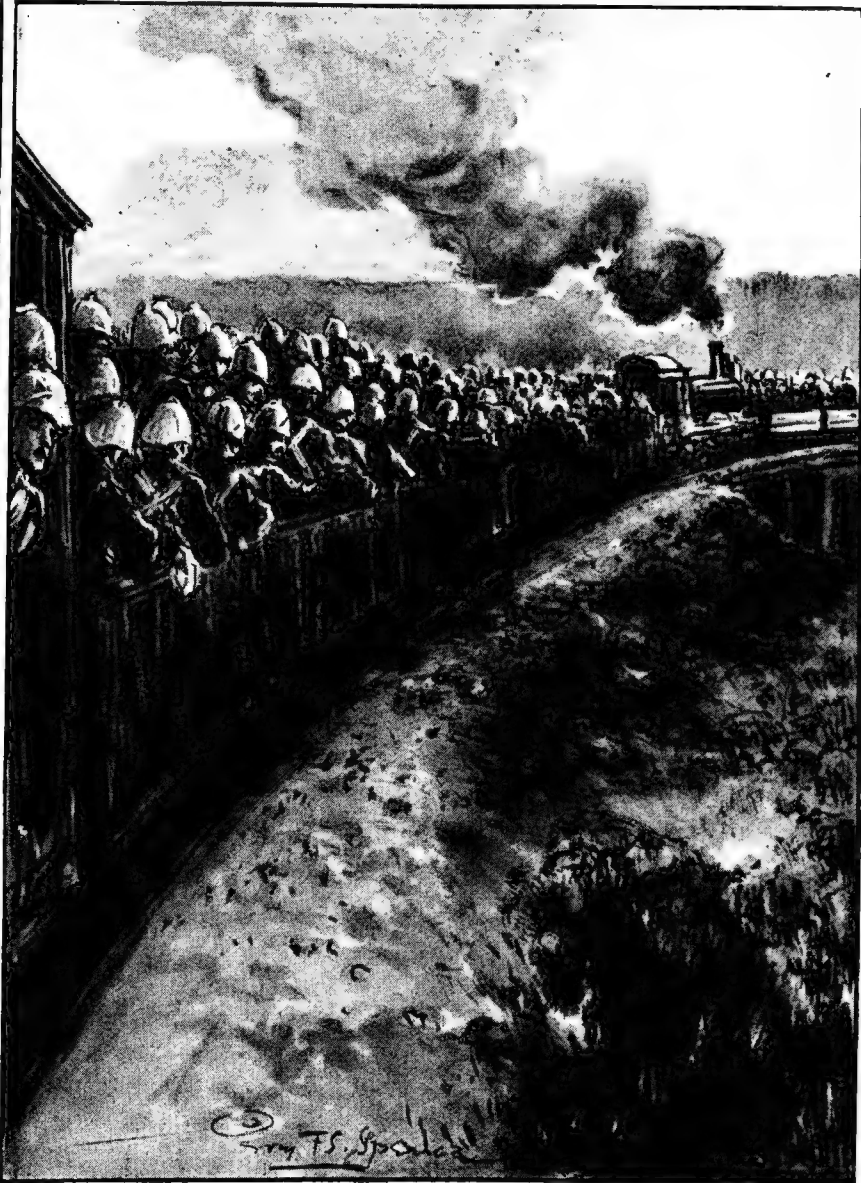
So soon as the war is over the Government of the day will inevitably have to remodel not only the War Office, but the whole military system, and a large sum will have to be spent to provide the Army with a sufficient quantity of guns of the very latest patterns. That matter is to be brought forward in the House of Commons immediately after Parliament has met, and it is not to be treated as a Party question.



AFTER THE FIGHTING: LIFTING THE DEAD AND WOUNDED INTO THE TRAIN

DRAWN BY PERCY F. S. SPENCE

Colonel Gough, with two squadrons of the 9th Lancers, a battery of Field Artillery, and some mounted infantry, made a reconnaissance from Hopetown and engaged the enemy for three hours. It was in this skirmish that Lieutenant-Colonel Keith-Falconer was killed. The armoured train shown in one of our illustrations



THE ARMOURD TRAIN GOING TOWARDS BELMONT TO SUPPORT THE CAVALRY

FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BY BENETT STANFORD

tions went out to support Colonel Gough. After the skirmish the dead and wounded were brought back to camp on the train

WITH LORD METHUEN'S FORCE: INCIDENTS OF A RECONNAISSANCE NEAR BELMONT

of the most obsolete and rotten description, but they can ride. So can the girls, the wild Irish lassies, who gallop along carelessly, their hair streaming in the wind, every nerve a-tingle with fearless enjoyment, their eyes alight with eagerness. Why don't English mothers insist on their boys learning to ride or shoot, and then half the education of the Volunteers would be completed already?

Two old ladies died recently. Viscountess Newry, aged eighty, and Lady Emily Foley, aged ninety-five. The latter was one of the last links that bound the beginning of the century to the end, for she died on New Year's Day. In her house all the old-fashioned dignified practices were still upheld. The family prayers, which all the household were expected to attend, the solemn church going, with the footman carrying a prayer book behind, and, even up to very recent years, the driving abroad with four white horses and outriders. And a very pretty sight it was, and one it is quite a loss to miss. In town she always drove in a chariot, with two tall footmen in pink liveries and silk stockings hanging on behind, and she carried her love for ancient things so far as rarely to wear anything but silk. Silk of the palest and brightest of hues, blue, pink, mauve and yellow, with the daintiest of beribboned caps to match. She never changed her style of dress, rich and stately as it was. A friend of mine once saw on Givry's counter a row of dainty little satin shoes (heellless, of course), with an elastic strap, white, pink, pale

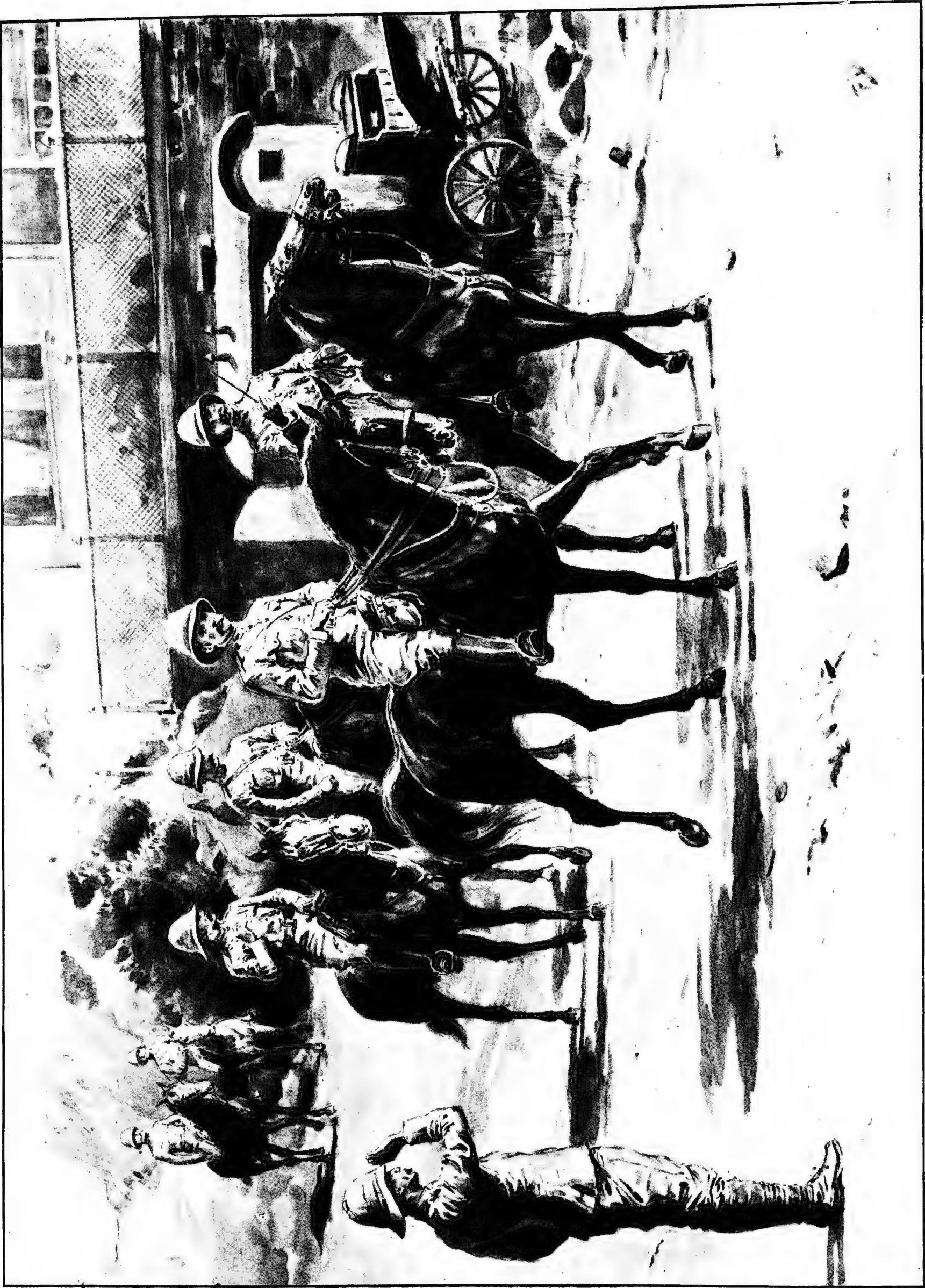
mostly amateurs, it becomes evident that some means of investigation other than their efforts, is necessary in difficult cases. A tender-hearted woman, unaccustomed to poverty, is naturally swayed by her feelings, and even when doing her very best is liable to be imposed upon, especially in the case of mothers or other dependents of soldiers. It is here that the Charity Organisation Society, with its well-trained staff, its wide experience and its careful methods, steps in advantageously. Possibly it is inclined to treat everyone with rather too much suspicion, and to hurt people's feelings unnecessarily, yet in dealing with public moneys it is necessary to be cautious, and the really deserving have nothing to fear. Enthusiasm is beautiful, but there is the practical limit to enthusiasm, and ladies untrained to business habits, to ledger writing, and balance sheets, sometimes find that a man's ordinary knowledge of life is helpful.

The number of only sons that have gone to the war is remarkable. The two latest are Sir Robert Filmer, in the Guards, who, though still very young, has been through the Soudan Campaign, and Mr. Claude Lowther, who has volunteered and been accepted for Lord Lonsdale's Yeomanry. Mr. Lowther was attached to the British Embassy at Madrid for some time. Captain Graham Beresford, of the 7th Hussars, Lord Decie's brother, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Duke of Connaught in Ireland.

Foreigners and diplomatists who either visit London or are accredited to the Court of St. James's, continually express astonishment at the indiscretion of English statesmen and officials. A singular example of that indiscretion may be mentioned here. On Thursday of last week a report was current in many of the West End clubs to the effect that a despatch had been received by the Foreign Office which contained the intelligence that 80,000 Russians had been massed in the neighbourhood of Herat. The report even went so far as to mention that the Foreign Office intended to withhold the news of that movement for several days. The second edition of the *Times* on Saturday contained a telegram which corroborated part of the rumour, and the same paper on Monday published a further instalment of disquieting news on the same subject.

Of course the whole report has not been corroborated, but enough has come to show that there has been a serious leakage at the Foreign Office. The minor officials either know little, or have too much to lose, to be loquacious. The chiefs, however, often play battle-dore and shuttlecock with most important matters over the dinner table or in conversation at the club.

The incidence of mobilisation has been curiously unequal. Some clubs have sent a hundred or two of their members to the front,



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Sir George White has his headquarters in Mrs. W. Riley's house on the Poort Road. The horses near by have been hit by Boer shells, but Mrs. Riley's has escaped almost unhurt

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There are those whose business it is to form an estimate of how many visitors from Great Britain may be expected at Nice, Cannes, Monte Carlo, and other spring resorts on the Riviera. They predict that only half as many English visitors will go to those places this year. There are reasons for hoping that the prediction will be fulfilled. The war will very injuriously affect tradesmen and others in Great Britain, and it is more advisable this year than in any former year that English money should be spent in England.

Commander G. O'Brien Carew, C.I.E.

COMMANDER GEORGE O'BRIEN CAREW, C.I.E., late of the Indian Navy, and a retired officer of the Royal Indian Marine, died at Eastbourne last week at the age of seventy. During his career in the Indian Navy he saw considerable service as midshipman, and afterwards as lieutenant, in the Indian Navy vessels employed on the coasts of China and Borneo in the suppression of piracy. As a lieutenant he commanded the detachment of Indian Navy seamen employed on shore in Bengal during the Mutiny. On the abolition of the Indian Navy he was employed by the Government of Bombay in various posts until the formation of the Indian Marine Service, when he was given the rank of commander in that service by the Government of India, and appointed deputy director, with the charge of the Indian Marine Dockyard, at Calcutta, a post he held until retired in November, 1887. He was appointed a Companion of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire on May 24, 1884.



COMMANDER G. O'B. CAREW
Late of the Indian Navy

The Theatres

By W. MOY THOMAS

"THE MASKED BALL"

It is doubtless in vain to protest against eternal variations upon the theme of the flighty husband and the jealous and suspicious wife while audiences appear to be not yet thoroughly wearied of the bickerings of these familiar personages. Meanwhile, it is some relief to be able to note that if the humours of marital "fibbing" have not yet had their day, they are at least beginning to take a subordinate place among the farce writer's materials. In *The Masked Ball*, an American adaptation of a French farce brought out at the CRITERION on Saturday evening, one Joseph Poulard, a prosperous patent medicine vendor in a French provincial town, gets into sad scrapes, and is driven to an infinite number of mendacious subterfuges through Madame Poulard's discovery that he has escorted Suzanne, the pretty young wife of his partner, Dr. Blondet, to a masked ball. But, although these matters occupy a prominent place in the story, and by the clever acting of Miss Fanny Brough and Mr. Herbert Standing as the wrangling couple are made to furnish much amusement, they are not of cardinal importance, and might indeed be even struck out of the playwright's scheme without much damage to its intelligibility. The true spring of the action of *The Masked Ball* lies in the mean trick which has been played by Dr. Blondet upon a young friend of his whose name is Martinot. Compelled to start for Canada at the moment when he is about to be betrothed to a charming young lady, Martinot confides to his friend and old chum the delicate task of inquiring into the respectability of her friends and connections. But it happens that Blondet falls in love with the young lady herself, and by the shabby device of describing her as a tippler and her parents as dipsomaniacs, he induces his friend to relinquish his suit. Thus Suzanne has become Madame Blondet; but a couple of years have passed, and Martinot is coming back to thank his friend in person for the service he is supposed to have rendered. As will be readily anticipated, the drollery of the piece from this point forward arises from the frantic devices of Blondet for preventing a meeting between Madame Blondet and the original suitor for her hand. The farce, or "farical comedy," as Mr. Clyde Fitch, the adaptor, prefers to call it, was received with much favour.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

Messrs. Harrison and Maud's projected series of revivals of standard English comedies at the HAYMARKET made an auspicious commencement on Tuesday evening with *She Stoops to Conquer*. Goldsmith's masterpiece was, on the whole, a judicious choice for the opening production, for there has been no performance of this play in London of any importance since the revivals at the VAUDEVILLE and the CRITERION in the spring of 1890. That delightful actress, Miss Winifred Emery, who was the Miss Hardcastle of the former occasion, now returns to the part, and plays it, as will be expected, with a more sustained vivacity and *finesse* than in her more juvenile days. Mr. Giddens, who was the Tony Lumpkin of Mr. Wyndham's cast, now repeats his richly humorous and forcible impersonation of the loutish young Squire. Miss M. A. Victor as Mrs. Hardcastle, and Mr. Sydney Valentine as Diggory, are also distinguished

recruits from the CRITERION cast. Conspicuous among the newcomers is Mr. Cyril Maude, who breaks the tradition of his part by emphasising the peevishness and irritability of Mr. Hardcastle at the expense of his more genial qualities. The change, though it took the spectator somewhat by surprise, was not unwelcome, and it must be confessed that Mr. Maude's portrait is drawn by a master-hand. Young Marlow finds an excellent representative in Mr. Paul Arthur, the young American actor, whose recent performance of the Prince in Captain Marshall's clever and fanciful comedy at the COURT Theatre, has won for him so large a tribute of praise. Miss Beatrice Ferrar and Mr. Graham Browne are respectively the Miss Neville and Hastings of the cast. The comedy, which is acted throughout with a spirit and precision of touch that augur well for the management's experiment, was received with great cordiality.

The Late Mr. Francis Schnadhorst

MR. FRANCIS SCHNADHORST was the organiser and first Secretary of the National Liberal Federation, the chief Liberal agent in the great Liberal victory of 1880, and the director of the revival which resulted in the victory of 1892. During the whole of the period of the National Liberal Federation's existence he proved himself to be an admirable organiser, and the whole of the Liberal party felt the influence of his sagacious counsel and his careful and cautious administration of the central organisation. His brilliant services to his party have repeatedly had the enthusiastic acknowledgment of its leaders. Mr. Schnadhorst was born in Birmingham in 1840, and turned his attention to politics in 1867, when he acted on the election committee of Mr. George Dixon. In 1870 he became Secretary of the Central Nonconformist Committee, and threw himself energetically into the politics of Birmingham. In 1877 the National Liberal Federation was inaugurated in Birmingham, Mr. Schnadhorst being appointed secretary. In 1884 the state of his health compelled Mr. Schnadhorst to resign his Birmingham secretaryship, and to become chairman of the local Liberals. After the Home Rule split, he came up to London in consequence of the removal of the headquarters of the National Liberal Federation. On March 9, 1887, he was presented with a national Liberal testimonial of 10,000 guineas and an illuminated address. Ill health compelled Mr. Schnadhorst to pay long visits to Australia, Egypt, and South Africa, and finally, in 1893, to relinquish his office.



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New Novels

"A BITTER VINTAGE"

K. DOUGLAS KING'S "A Bitter Vintage" (C. Arthur Pearson) is certainly not intended to be read for pleasure. To state the plot shortly, it tells how an entirely innocent man lets himself be found guilty of murder and hanged in order that a woman who had really killed her husband might not suffer; and how she, by a possibly merciful failure of memory, never realised her own crime or the nature of his sacrifice. Of course he and she were lovers; but, though of the workhouse class and belonging to the humblest grade of strollers they loved as chivalrously and purely as any knight and lady of romance. Thus, while the plot touches upon the ideal, the realism of the incidents and circumstances is rendered all the more painful. A little relief would have rendered the novel pathetic. As it is, it can only be credited with the force of a tragedy that might well have been spared. And the force, at any rate, is unquestionably there.

"WHAT A WOMAN WILL DO"

Most things, it is generally supposed; and so will that equally indefinite creature, "A" Man. Still, there must be some limit, somewhere; and we should have been disposed to make it less remote than it is drawn by Lucas Cleeve (Mrs. Howard Kingscote), who practically puts no limit at all to "What a Woman Will Do" (F. V. White and Co.). We are asked to believe that a good woman, and a lady, will, without forfeiture of sympathy, concoct false evidence of her infidelity to her husband in order that he, being party to the fraud, may divorce her, and that she may share the profits of his marriage with a rich heiress. Naturally, further complications ensue; and pretty bad—and very rightly so—they would have been all round had not the husband set things straight by blowing out his brains on the advice of his solicitor. The story cannot be called convincing. But, apart from its plot, and the extraordinary conduct of its leading characters, the novel contains an unusual number of good things in the way of talk and of subordinate portraiture, and will consequently amuse.

"THE PROFESSIONAL"

Miss A. Goodrich-Freer's "The Professional, and Other Psychic

Stories" (Hurst and Blackett) is a little disappointing. We had looked for something more convincing, or at any rate, more impressive, from a writer who, as "Miss X," has become an established authority in Spookland. Of the seven narratives in the volume, "Four," she explains, "are taken directly from life, and the remainder, though

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from a suspicion of fratricide. There is the second-sighted doctor, who fulfilled a premonition of evil by attempting to employ it as a warning. There is the mother who underwent moral conversion by written communications from her dead child. And there is a wraith who told where to find the key of a box full of treasure—though any locksmith would have done just as well. Which are the true stories—especially as there is the same curious quality of dramatic completeness about each and all? Perhaps somebody who knows something of the business will attack the question. Even if he fails, he will have been entertained with an exceedingly seasonable collection of fireside tales.

"DARTNELL"

The central personage of Mr. Benjamin Swilt's "Dartnell: A Bizarre Incident" (Pioneer Series; William Heinemann), is a crack-brained baronet, with an eardrum so attenuated as to make music affect him like a painful wound, and a theory that marriage should be a spiritual and Platonic relation of souls. But he is by no means too refined for jealousy when his wife establishes a *liaison* with a rising politician, whose career is ruined by the consequent scandal. There is much bad taste about the work, and not a little silliness. But these cannot be called unpopular faults; and their frequent combination with cleverness is provided with an example the more.

"COMETHUP"

That Mr. Tom Gallon is a close student of Dickens is apparent in every line he writes. To give "David Copperfield" the first place among the works of the Master is a regular mark of a true disciple; and "Comethup" (Hutchinson and Co.) may be regarded as Mr. Gallon's "Copperfield." The daisy-like innocence of David is, however, nothing to the grass-like greenness of the quaintly christened Comethup, who lets himself be fleeced, even beyond

the point where silliness merges into dishonesty, by as transparent a pair of cadging scoundrels as were ever invented. The general scheme and manner of the story is that of Dickens in his serious and sentimental moods; but while one may thus say that the underlying harmonies are right and pleasing, the original melody written above them is forced and crude. We have a very strong opinion that the author of "Tatterley" could have told the tale of a good lad's martyr-like self-sacrifice for a woman's sake far more effectively had he struck out a line of his own; for that he could well have done so our opinion is equally strong.



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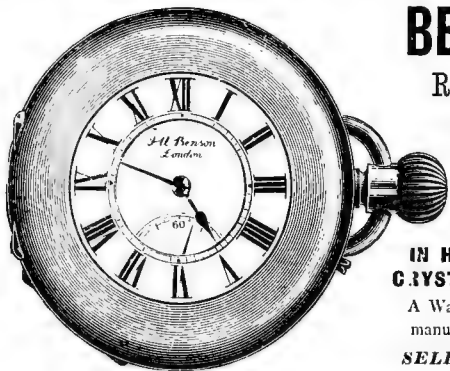
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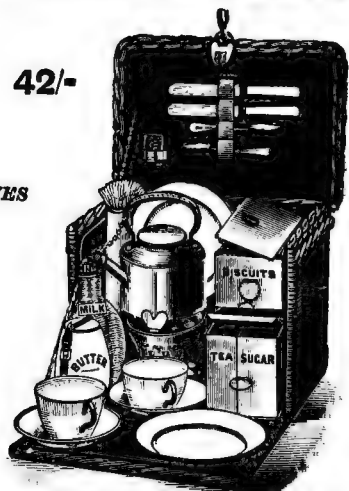


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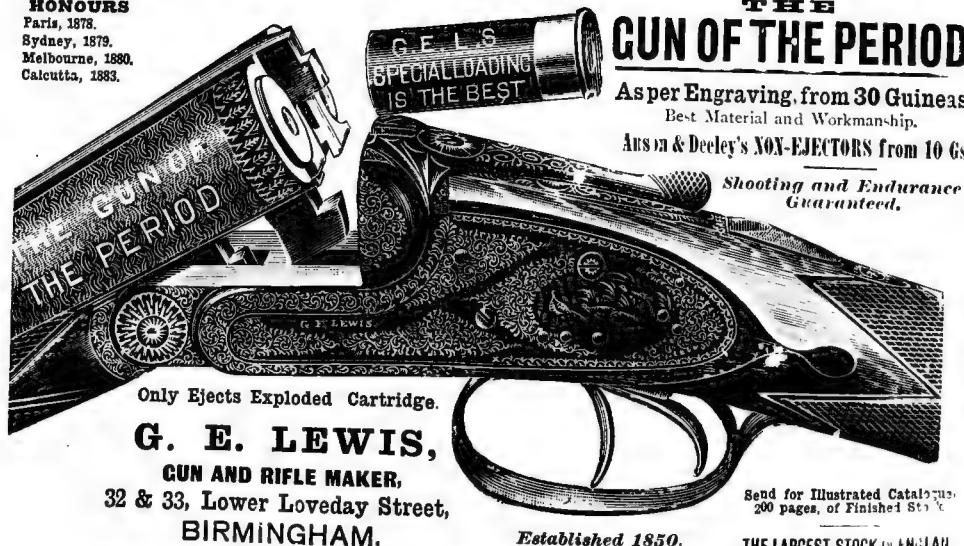
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"THE NINETEENTH CENTURY" this month is strong on the war, not less than half a dozen articles dealing with it in its several aspects. Colonel Stopford discusses the Volunteers, Sir Henry Howorth "Our Indian Troops," and the Rev. Dr. Wirgman, Canon of Grahamstown Cathedral, on the South African conspiracy, speaks up strongly for the loyalty of British South Africa. The really loyal districts of South Africa are the Eastern Province of Cape Colony and Natal, and the inhabitants of these districts are confidently looking to be indemnified for their present sufferings by the disappearance of the flags of South African Republicanism. Let the Republics remain, he says, as self-governing colonies but under the British flag. More important though than this are the two articles by Colonel

Sir George Sydenham Clark and Mr. Sidney Low, which emphatically lay down that if we are to hold and hand down our Empire we must considerably increase our Army. We need not necessarily become a conscript nation, but we might—so both writers think—revive our ancient constitutional military system—the ballot for the Militia, which is still only suspended year after year by Parliament. We have received a plain warning, says Sir George Clarke, which we dare not disregard. The responsibilities of the Empire have been allowed to outrun its military strength, and the remedy should be forthcoming in the form of 400,000 Militia, well trained and equipped, and capable of being mobilised in a fortnight. "I am bordering on seventy-seven years, passed in honour," wrote the Duke of Wellington in 1845. "I hope the Almighty may protect me from being a witness of the tragedy which I cannot persuade my contemporaries to take measures to avert," and the writer thinks that these words will find an echo in many hearts if the present warning is disregarded. Mr. Low has much the same tale to tell, but incidentally he mentions a few interesting facts, as, for instance, that well-informed Germans prophesied that we would require at least 150,000 troops in South Africa.

WHO HAS BLUNDERED?

The *Fortnightly* is also much taken up with war matters. In the first place, Major Arthur Griffiths indulges in some very severe criticism on "The Conduct of the War," laying about him heavily, sparing neither authorities at home nor Divisional Generals abroad. However, he thinks that though paltering with a great crisis has landed us into difficulty, it has not "dropped us into an unfathomable abyss." All may yet be well if we learn our lesson, and "the present conflict, with all its costly expenditure of blood and treasure, will not have been wasted if it leads to a reform of our military organisation, and to the full recognition of this one indisputable fact: that the only true and safe masters of an army and its resources are members of the military profession."

WHAT THE BOERS ARE FIGHTING FOR

Dr. Hillier, who writes in the same review on the issues at stake in South Africa, devotes some space to pointing out that the triumph of the Boer cause "would be no liberation of a people struggling to be free, no victory of liberty against oppression. It would be a step backward in the history of civilisation, it would be ruin to South Africa, and, lastly, it would be utter demoralisation and final degradation of the Boer himself." The true interests of the Boers, in point of fact, are identical with ours, and in years to come they will realise, as the French of Canada have realised, that the truest and soundest democracy which the world has yet evolved as a form of human government passes under the name of British rule.

PRESIDENT KRUGER AND THE ASTROLOGERS

Astrology must be a flourishing science if one may judge by the admirably turned-out magazine, "The Sphinx," devoted to its interests, and in the last number of this magazine there is much that is curious and noteworthy. One of the contributors, and one of the prominent astrologers of the day, has a few words to say about President Kruger, who is regarded even in the world of seers as the "symbol of a corrupt and tyrannical oligarchy." "Jupiter, the

greater fortune," we read, "has gone to and fro over his ascendant this year in vain," and now the cannon is to deal with him, supported by Saturn and Mars. The writer, by the way, holds as his opinion that some of the stories told to Mr. Bigelow by the Boers about Kruger's feats of physical powers are exaggerated, and affirms that "Unless labelled by observers like Livingstone . . . the Boers are a boastful and not over-scrupulous or veracious race." The Sphinx takes astrology into City affairs, and would guide speculators, while devout believers will find an admirable calendar each month setting forth which days are good for the transaction of business, and which should at any cost be avoided. The editor ought to publish correspondence testifying to how far this has been of practical benefit.



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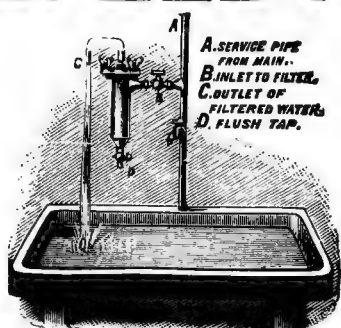
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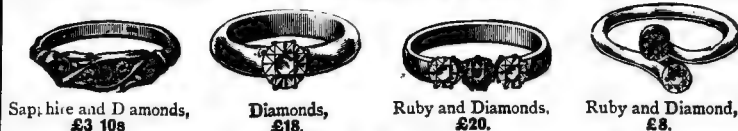
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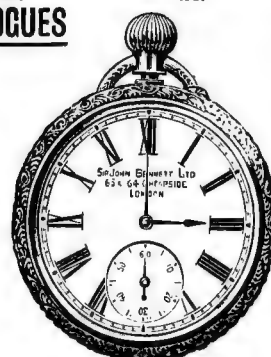
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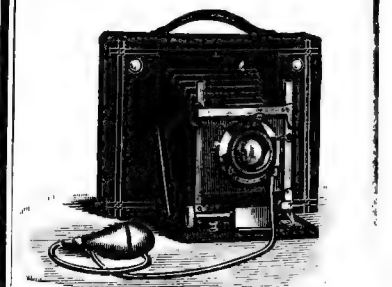
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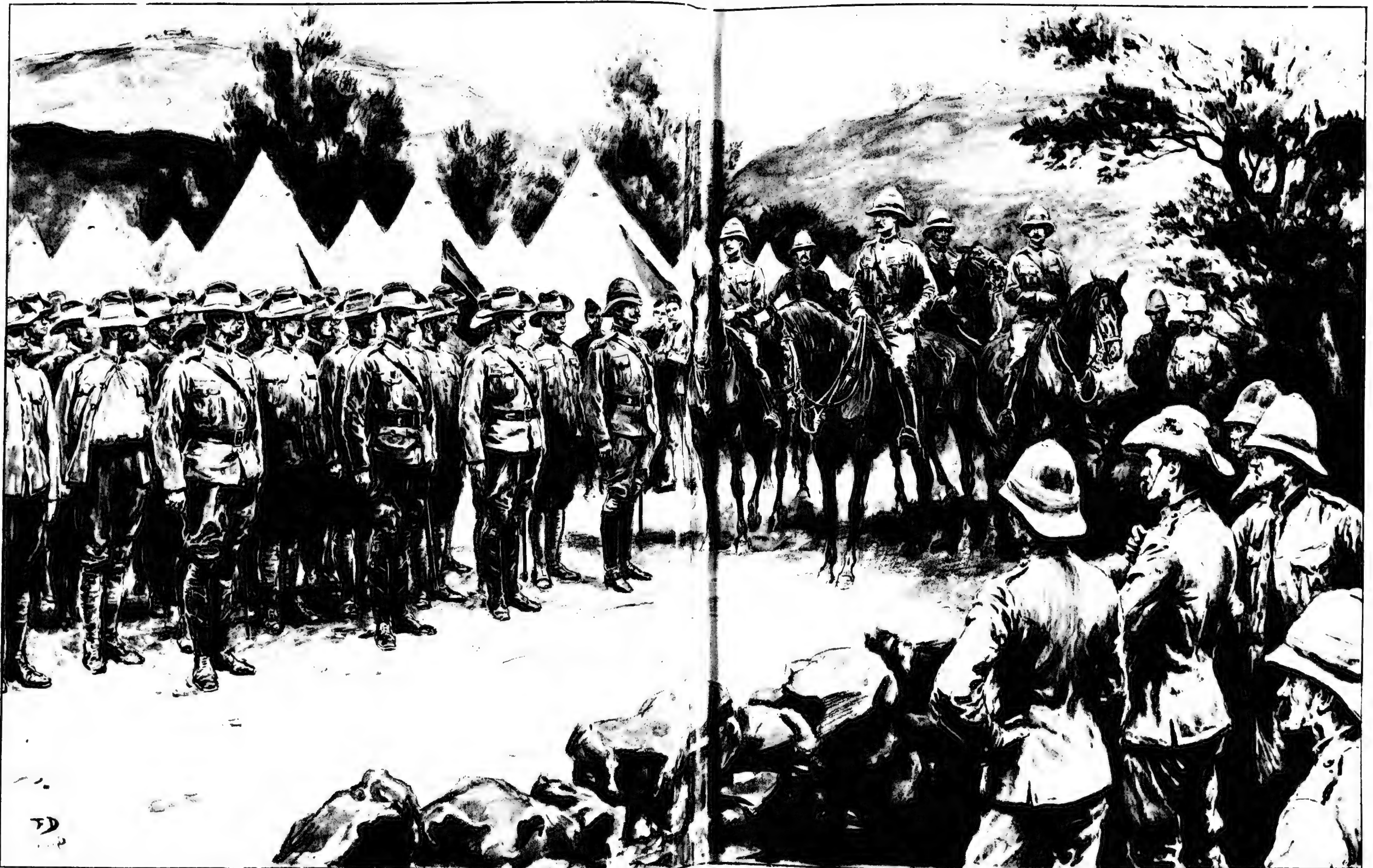
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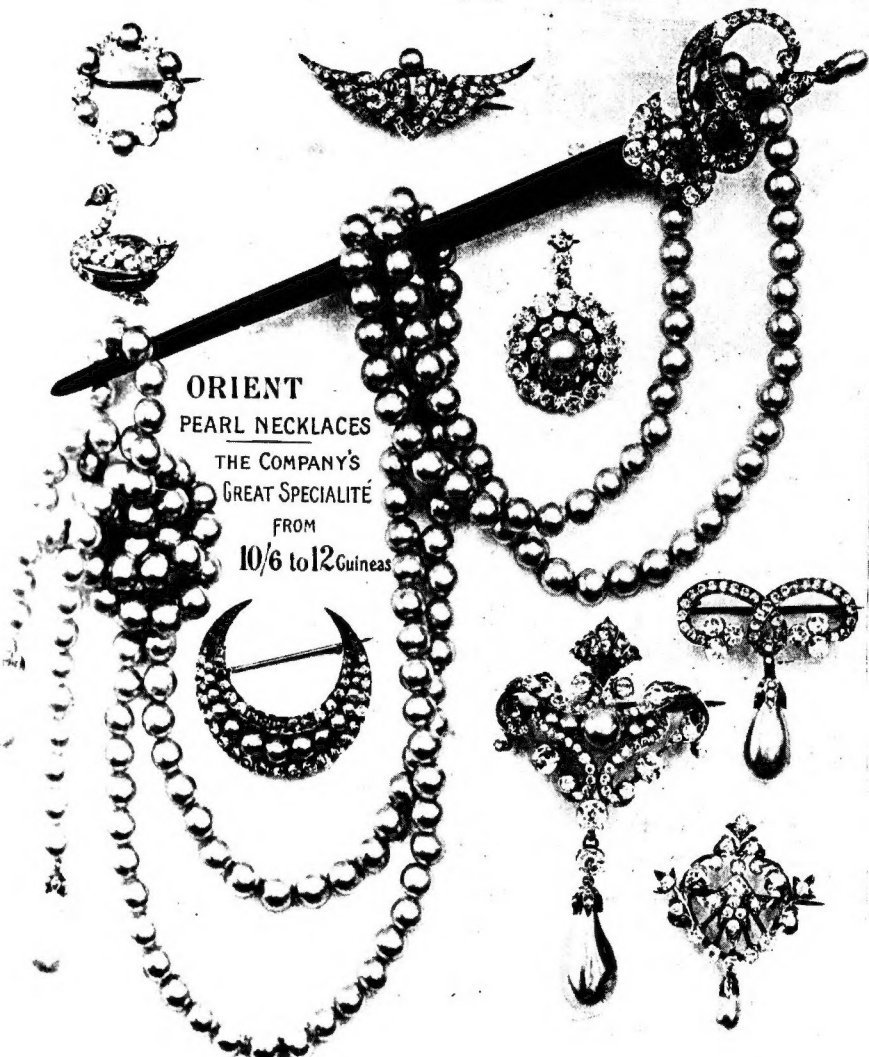
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COMING CROPS

What, if any, are the coming crops? The three chief cereals hold their own, but they gain no ground, neither do hops nor pulse. Mangold-wurzel and Kohl-rabi appear to be gaining at the expense of turnips, while in the kitchen and vegetable gardens, which in the neighbourhood of great cities are becoming so important, there has been a great increase in the growth of celery, and an increase, moderate but noticeable, in that of artichokes, seakale, chicory, spinach and cauliflowers. No vegetable is much nicer or more wholesome than are really good turnip tops, but poor tops are a dismal failure, and the use of this vegetable is declining. Turnips themselves are not so much used in cookery as of yore, though we fear they appear on the tables of the poor too often in the disguise of jam. The Government are strangely remiss in this branch of inspection. Among pastoral farmers trifolium grows in favour, but the dairy farmer is said to be tiring of the field cabbage, which is destroyed by a spell either of continuous rain or frost. Italian rye-grass and vetches, as a short crop, are increasingly sown, and there

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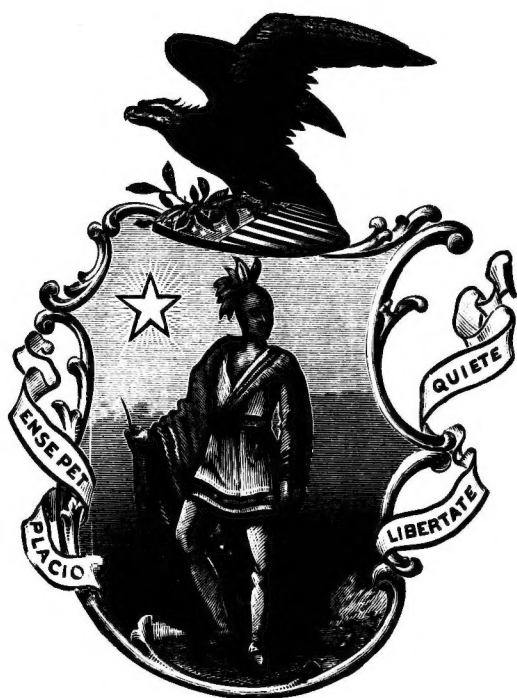
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